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OF THE TOWN OF

MERRIMACK

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For Twelve Months Ending

December 31, 1955


In Memoriam



Dr. Paul deNicola

1898-1956

For outstanding service and devotion to the citizens of Merrimack for many years.



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INCLUDING THE VITAL STATISTICS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

THE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending June 30, 1955



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Representative to General Court

BERT L. PEASLEE

Moderator

LEONARD L. KELLEY

Town Clerk

CLAUDE M. MAKER

Town Treasurer

HAZEL D. FISK

Selectmen

EDWARD J. HASELTINE

HAROLD V. BUKER

WILLIAM N. FOOTER

Trustees of Trust Funds

JOHN W. WRIGHT

FLORENCE RICHARDSON

HAROLD V. BUKER

Auditors

ILA M. PERRY

BEULAH H. HASELTINE

Supervisors of Checklist

GERALD W. PERRY

ALBA J. BENNETT

LOUIS HOFFMAN

Road Agent

EDGAR THIBODEAU

Tax Collector

WILBUR J. FOSTER

Chief of Police

FRANK R. FLANDERS

Police Officers

GARNET BROAD

THOMAS DUTTON

HAROLD V. BUKER, Jr.

JOSEPH PYNENBURG

HAROLD FLANDERS

DANIEL RAFFERTY

Fire Department

Chief, GEORGE J. ALLGAIER
Deputy Chief, WILBUR J. FOSTER
Captain, EARL BISHOP
Captain, ALBERT AVERY
Captain, JOHN TUCKER
1st Lt. ARNOLD HEATH
1st Lt. FAY READ
2nd Lt. FRANK HALL
2nd Lt. CLARENCE WORSTER
Clerk, CHARLES NUTE, Jr.
Forest Fire Warden
CLARENCE P. WORCESTER

Deputy Wardens

EARL BISHOP
FRANK HALL
WILLIAM BUTLER
EDGAR THIBODEAU
ARNOLD HEATH

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THOMAS A. DUTTON

Zoning Board

ARTHUR BRUCE
HENRY KIRSTLINGER
FRANK HASELTINE
HERBERT DUXBURY

JAMES BROWN
MORRIS LIFFMAN
THOMAS DUTTON
HAROLD V. BUKER, Sr.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Merrimack in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Merrimack on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the ensuing year for the following Town functions.

1. Town Officers Salaries.
2. Town Officers Expenses.
3. Election and Registration.
4. Overseer of the Poor.
5. Town Hall and other Buildings.
6. Police Department.
7. Fire Department.
8. Health Department.
9. Maintenance of Highways and Bridges.
10. Oil for Town Roads.
11. Town Road Aid.
12. Snow Removal.
13. Street Lights.
14. Library.
15. Town Poor.
16. Old Age Assistance.
17. Memorial Day.
18. Cemeteries.
19. Town Dump.
20. Insurance.
21. Regional Association.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise money for the purpose of erecting street and road marking signs.

5. To see if the voters of the town of Merrimack will vote to discontinue letting the Selectmen appoint the Road Agent and vote for one at the annual meeting on March 13, 1956.

Sec. 2. To see if the voters will vote to let the road agent use the money for all town roads, bridges and snow removal as was done before the selectmen appointed the road agent.

Sec. 3. To vote from the floor by ballot a road agent for the ensuing next two years beginning on March 13, 1956.

6. To see whether the Town will authorize and direct the Selectmen to convey on behalf of the Town all of its right, title and interest in and to the property and assets, known as the "Shedd-Harris Water System" (subject to the liabilities of the System), to the Reeds Ferry Water and Sewer District, upon condition that it be accepted by such District; that it be known as the Shedd-Harris Memorial; and that such transfer is permissible; and to see whether the Town will authorize the Shedd-Harris Water Committee, at the expense of the Shedd-Harris Water System, to take such action in the name of the Town as may be necessary or desirable to have the question of transferability judicially determined.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for use by Forest Fire Service as recommended by State Forester.

8. To see what action the people wish to take regarding the Building and Zoning Code for the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

W. N. FOOTER

E. J. HASELTINE

H. V. BUKER

Selectmen of Merrimack

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

W. N. FOOTER

E. J. HASELTINE

H. V. BUKER

Selectmen of Merrimack

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year

January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures

of the Previous Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955
From State:	
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,940.90
For Fighting Forest Fires	150.22
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	69.40
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	496.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	220.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	136.00
Carroll Trust Fund Payment on Reeds Ferry Fire Station	320.00
Grader Rental	3,637.56
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	10,572.45
Due Town for oiling driveways	327.50
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:	
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	1,954.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	22.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1955	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1955	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1956
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 4,300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000.00	1,177.44	1,200.00
Election and Registration Expenses	275.00	314.25	1,000.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	2,000.00	1,819.84	2,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	2,000.00	1,988.00	2,000.00
Fire Department (includes cost of radios)	4,000.00	6,335.18	4,000.00
Insurance	700.00	927.84	950.00
Civil Defense	250.00	250.00	350.00
Health:			
Health Dept., Incl. Hospitals	400.00	147.02	400.00
Sewer Maintenance	2,000.00	991.08	1,000.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Street Marking Signs	200.00	214.85	150.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	18,000.00	16,842.85	20,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	5,000.00	5,813.25	5,000.00
Street Lighting	1,250.00	968.01	1,250.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept. Grader		2,278.53	
Town Road Aid	957.24	957.24	
Libraries	1,700.00	1,700.00	2,000.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	500.00	772.43	500.00
Old Age Assistance	2,600.00	2,180.07	2,600.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	75.00	73.60	75.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playground, Incl. Band Concerts — M.B.F.		1,442.64	
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	600.00	600.00	600.00
Reeds Ferry Fire Station		115.73	
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses, Incl. Dog Damage, Est.	540.06	593.85	
Advertising and Regional Associations	200.00	200.00	100.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Water Works Survey	900.00		

Payment on Principal of Debt:

(b) Long Term Notes & Interest—		
Grader	2,050.00	2,050.00

**PAYMENTS TO OTHER
GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:**

County Taxes	12,867.71	
School Taxes	91,800.00	91,800.00

ARTHUR P. BRUCE
RUPERT A. GREEN
JOHN WRIGHT
WALTER A. WHALIN
EDWIN J. WOODWARD
MORRIS LIFFMAN
FRANKLIN L. HASELTINE
Budget Committee

SELECTMEN'S REPORT — 1955

Your Board of Selectmen have endeavored to carry out the various projects the townspeople approved for the year 1955 and hope they have met with your approval.

One member of the board, E. J. Haseltine who was granted a ten months leave of absence in 1954, returned in June 1955 and has been actively engaged in town affairs since his return.

The picture of the town seems to change yearly. Houses are being built at an all-time record high and the demand for new houses continues.

A company has started operations in the Kendall-Hadley plant. This company is known as the Merrimack Wood Products Company. It is hoped that someone will locate in the now vacant International Tannery in the near future. Another small company has started operations south of the Hume Pipe Company. This company will pressure-treat forest products.

Your board believes that the town will continue to grow, both as an industrial and residential town and feel sure that the two newly formed Water Districts will in due time, prove to be a large factor in the town's growth.

Merrimack has many things in its favor, good schools, (our problem is no different from the school problems of any other town in the country today—we must increase our facilities to meet our needs) churches, a good library (and had it not been donated, I doubt very much if we could afford to build one today). Our roads are as good if not better than most town's. We have a good police department—well equipped and an excellent equipped and organized fire department. Merrimack stands out as a well organized town in Civil Defense work and this was made possible through our able Civil Defense Director, Thomas Dutton and his capable wife Alice, who have worked untiringly with the townspeople in setting up the Civil Defense organization. As Tom Dutton has stated, it was accomplished only by the fine cooperation of the townspeople who were willing to give their time to it.

Mr. Franklin Haseltine resigned as Chief of the Fire Dept. and the board appointed George Allgair as acting Chief and submitted the name of Clarence Worcester as Forest Fire Warden to the District Chief. He is now serving on an acting basis. Mr. Haseltine held both jobs. The board regrets that Mr. Haseltine resigned as we believe that it was his good leadership and hard work that made the department what it is today.

At the meeting in March 1955 you authorized the spending of some money for road and street marking signs. The money has been spent but the job not completed which we knew could not be done with the money appropriated. The Merrimack Lion's Club has donated their time in helping to make the signs and erecting them at no cost to the town. The board wishes to extend their thanks to the Lion's Club for their efforts.

The board also wishes to thank all who have worked with us and have been helpful in administrating town affairs. Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 1956.

Your board meets every Monday night from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. except during the months of July, August and September when they will meet on the second and fourth Mondays only.

YOUR BOARD OF SELECTMEN



SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Lands and Buildings	\$2,022,255.00
Electric Plants	235,000.00
Horses, Asses and Mules, 23	1,880.00
Cows, 335	31,895.00
Other Neat Stock, 22	950.00
Sheep and Goats, 31	470.00
Hogs, 13	260.00
Fowls, 9,407	9,407.00
Fur-bearing Animals, 33	660.00
Boats and Launches, 1	200.00
Stock in Trade	84,050.00
Mills and Machinery	123,000
Locks and Canals	1,200.00

Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	\$2,511,227.00
Less soldier's exemptions and exemptions to blind	219,975.00

Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$2,291,252.00
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Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	\$ 219,975
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Number of inventories distributed, 940

Number of inventories returned, 682

Number of veterans who received property exemption, 241

Number of veterans exempted from poll tax, 265

WM. N. FOOTER
E. HASELTINE
H. V. BUKER
Selectmen

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers Salaries	\$ 4,100.00
Town Officers Expenses	1,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	275.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	2,000.00
Police Department	2,000.00
Fire Department	4,000.00
Health Department	400.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	1,200.00
Town Road Aid	957.24
Town Maintenance (Summer—18,000, Winter 5,000)	23,000.00
Street Lighting	1,250.00
New Equipment	1,800.00
Libraries	1,700.00
Old Age Assistance	2,600.00
Town Poor	500.00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc., Old Home Day	75.00
Cemeteries	600.00
Street Signs	200.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	200.00
Payments on Debt—Principal	2,000.00
County Tax	12,867.71
School Tax	103,646.38
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Total Town and School Appropriations	\$166,371.33

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,940.90	
Railroad Tax	200.00	
Savings Bank Tax	75.00	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,066.53	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	8,500.00	
Dog Licenses	500.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	200.00	
Fines and Forfeits—Municipal Court	200.00	
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	150.00	
Other Revenue: Grader Rental	1,000.00	
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Total Revenues and Credits		15,832.43
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		150,538.90
Plus Overlay		2,433.73
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		152,972.63

Less: 864 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	1,728.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	22.00	
	<hr/>	1,750.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes		\$151,222.63
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes		151,222.63
Poll Taxes at \$2.00		1,728.00
National Bank Stock Taxes		22.00
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Total Taxes to be Committed		\$152,972.63
Tax Rate Approved by Tax Commission — \$6.60		

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Town of Merrimack in Hillsborough County

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 25, 1956

WM. N. FOOTER
E. HASELTINE
HAROLD V. BUKER

Selectmen

HAZEL D. FISK

Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	
Cash	\$34,611.87
In hands of treasurer	11,197.05
In hands of officials	12,000.00
Other Bills due Town—Road Oil Accounts	327.50
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(b) Levy of 1954	812.45
(c) Levy of 1953	329.11
(d) Previous Years	57.61
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1955	20,910.65
1955 Yield Tax (Timber)	901.51
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1955	1,750.00
Grand Total	\$82,897.75
Net Surplus, December 31, 1954	8,049.02
Net Surplus, December 31, 1955	20,456.37
Increase of Surplus	12,407.35

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Fire Alarm System	\$2,500.00
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Due to State:

Uncollected State Head Taxes—1955	3,695.00
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Due to School Districts:

Balance of Appropriation	53,246.38
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Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Grader Note	3,000.00
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Total Liabilities

	62,441.38
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Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)

	20,456.37
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Grand Total

	<u>\$82,897.75</u>
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UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

Receipts and Payments

Receipts

CURRENT REVENUE:

From Local Taxes:

1. Property Taxes—Cur. Year—1955	\$128,610.91	
2. Poll Taxes—Reg. at \$2—1955	954.00	
3. National Bank Stock Taxes—1955	22.00	
5. State Head Taxes at \$5—1955	3,190.00	
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6. Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		132,776.91
7. Property Taxes and Yield Taxes—Previous Years		23,511.54
8. Poll Taxes—Previous Years—Reg. at \$2		564.00
9. State Head Taxes at \$5—Previous Years		1,895.00
10. Interest received on Taxes		177.20
11. Penalties on State Head Taxes		134.00
12. Tax sales redeemed—Abatements, Discounts		9,167.67

From State:

14. Interest and dividends tax	2,940.90
20. Fighting forest fires	77.57
22. Reimbursements a/c Old Age Assistance	37.90

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

24. Dog licenses	496.00
25. Business licenses, permits and filing fees	254.24
27. Rent of town property	165.00
30. Income from departments	4,836.96
33. Registration of motor vehicles, 1955 Permits	10,572.45

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$187,607.34
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Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

34. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	39,912.50
Total Receipts from All Sources	227,519.84
Cash on hand January 1, 1955	19,755.96
Grand Total	\$247,275.80

Payments

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

General Government:

1. Town officer's salaries	\$ 4,275.71
2. Town officer's expenses	1,177.44
3. Election and registration expenses	314.25
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,819.84

Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department	1,988.00
8. Fire dept., including forest fires	6,335.18
9. Census	100.00
11. Damage by dogs	75.02
12. Insurance	927.84
13. Civil Defense	250.00

Health:

14. Health dept., including hospitals	147.02
16. Sewer maintenance	991.08
17. Town dumps and garbage removal	1,200.00

Highways and Bridges:

18. Town Road Aid	957.24
19. Town Maintenance (Summer—\$16,842.85) (Winter—\$5,813.25)	22,656.10
20. Street lighting	968.01
21. General Expenses of Highway Department—Grader	2,278.53

Libraries:

22. Libraries	1,700.00
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Public Welfare:

23. Old age assistance	2,180.07
24. Town poor	772.43

Patriotic Purposes:

26. Memorial Day and Veteran's Assoc.	73.60
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Recreation:

28. Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	97.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

30. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	600.00
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Unclassified:

32. Damages and legal expenses	593.85
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Total Payments

52,478.21

Unclassified: (Continued)

33. Advertising and Regional Associations	200.00	
34. Taxes bought by town	3,133.87	
35. Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	3,297.53	
Total Current Maint. Expenses		6,631.40
Interest:		
38. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	283.34	
39. Paid on long term notes	50.00	
Total Interest Payments		333.34
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:		
42. Reeds Ferry Fire Station	115.73	
43. Town construction—Street Marker	214.85	
44. Survey	1,242.10	
46. Memorial Ball Park	1,442.64	
Total Outlay Payments		3,015.32
Indebtedness:		
51. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	40,000.00	
52. Payments on long term notes— Grader	2,000.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		42,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
56. State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1955 Taxes \$1,885.95) (Prior Years \$1,652.00)	3,537.95	
57. Taxes paid to County	12,867.71	
59. Payments to School Districts (1954 Tax \$41,400.00) (1955 Tax \$50,400.00)	91,800.00	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		108,205.66
Total Payments for all Purposes		212,663.93
Cash on hand December 31, 1955		34,611.87
Grand Total		\$247,275.80

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION

1. Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	12,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,500.00
2. Libraries, Lands and Buildings	18,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,500.00
3. Police Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	800.00
4. Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	26,000.00
5. Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	12,000.00
Materials and Supplies	250.00
6. Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	1,000.00
7. Water Supply	15,000.00
9. Schools, Lands and Buildings	150,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Spaulding Lot	150.00
MacDougle Lot	50.00
Total	<u>\$252,750.00</u>

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Dog Licenses:

Issued	75 Male	@ 2.00	\$150.00	
"	16 Female	@ 5.00	80.00	
"	30 Spays	@ 2.00	60.00	
			<hr/>	\$290.00
"	40 Male	@ 2.50	100.00	
"	8 Female	@ 5.50	44.00	
"	20 Spays	@ 2.50	50.00	
"	1 Kennell	@12.00	12.00	
			<hr/>	206.00
				<hr/>
				\$496.00

Cr.

Paid Treasurer \$496.00

Auto Permits:

Issued 1419 permits \$10,572.45

Cr.

Paid Treasurer \$10,572.45

PLEASE BRING POLL AND HEAD TAX RECEIPTS
WITH YOU WHEN YOU APPLY FOR PERMIT.

December 31, 1955

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES Levy of 1955

— Dr. —

Taxes committed to Collector:

Property taxes	\$151,176.42
Poll taxes	1,728.00
Yield taxes	1,185.00
Sewer taxes	140.00

Total Warrant		\$154,229.42
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Added taxes:

Property taxes	1,085.70
Poll taxes	42.00
National Bank Stock taxes	22.00

	1,149.70
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Interest collected:

Property taxes	12.74
Poll taxes	.40

	13.14
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Total Debits

	\$155,392.26
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— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property taxes	\$129,212.71	
Poll taxes	1,144.00	
Yield taxes	283.49	
Naional Bank Stock taxes	22.00	
	<hr/>	\$130,662.20
Discounts allowed		921.34

Abatements:

Property taxes	1,357.42	
Poll taxes	58.00	
	<hr/>	1,415.42

Interest:

Property taxes	12.74	
Poll taxes	.40	
	<hr/>	13.14

Uncollected taxes:

Property taxes	20,910.65	
Poll taxes	568.00	
Yield taxes	901.51	
	<hr/>	22,380.16

Total Credits

\$155,392.26

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1954

— Dr. —

Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1955:		
Property taxes	\$23,555.36	
Poll taxes	440.00	
Yield taxes	1,242.17	
	<hr/>	\$25,237.53
Added taxes:		
Property taxes	6.50	
Poll taxes	20.00	
Yield taxes	30.00	
	<hr/>	56.50
Interest:		
Property taxes	500.64	
Poll taxes	6.39	
	<hr/>	507.03
Costs:		
Before sale	54.00	
At sale	68.35	
	<hr/>	122.35
Total Debits		\$25,923.41

— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property taxes	\$23,453.63	
Poll taxes	356.00	
Yield taxes	1,013.34	
	<hr/>	\$24,822.97

Interest:

Property taxes	500.64	
Poll taxes	6.39	
	<hr/>	507.03

Costs:

Before sale	54.00	
At sale	68.35	
	<hr/>	122.35

Abatements:

Property	89.38	
Poll	52.00	
Yield	146.58	
	<hr/>	287.96

Uncollected:

Property	18.85	
Poll	52.00	
Yield	112.25	
	<hr/>	183.10

Total Credits

\$25,923.41

TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH RECEIPTS—TOWN OF MERRIMACK, N. H.

January 1, 1955 — December 31, 1955

Received from Wilbur J. Foster, Tax Collector

Abatements:

1955 Property Taxes	\$ 1,357.42	
1955 Poll Taxes	58.00	
1955 Timber Tax	283.49	
1954 Property Taxes	89.38	
1954 Poll Taxes	52.00	
1954 Timber Tax	146.58	
1953 Poll Taxes	6.00	
1952 Poll Taxes	8.00	
1951 Poll Taxes	8.00	
1950 Poll Taxes	8.00	
1949 Poll Taxes	6.00	
1948 Poll Taxes	2.46	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,025.33
		921.34

Discounts—1955

Head Taxes and Penalties

1955 Head Taxes	3,190.00	
1955 Head Tax Penalties	18.00	
1954 Head Taxes	1,895.00	
1954 Head Tax Penalties	116.00	
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Poll Taxes

1955 Poll Taxes	954.00	
1955 Poll Tax Interest	.40	
1954 Poll Taxes	548.00	
1954 Poll Tax Interest	6.27	
1951 Poll Taxes	4.00	
1951 Poll Tax Interest	.80	
1950 Poll Taxes	4.00	
1950 Poll Tax Interest	1.04	
1949 Poll Tax	4.00	
1949 Poll Tax Interest	1.28	
1948 Poll Taxes	4.00	
1948 Poll Tax Interest	1.52	
	<hr/>	1,529.31

Property Taxes	
1955 Property Taxes	128,632.91
1955 Property Tax Interest	12.74
1954 Property Taxes	21,337.52
1954 Property Tax Interest	153.15
Cost at Tax Sale	68.35
Cost Before Sale	54.00
1954 Tax Sales Redeemed	2,167.65
1954 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax	153.77
1954 Tax Sales Redeemed Interest	4.48
1954 Tax Sales Property Taxes	2,969.36
1954 Tax Sales Property Tax Interest	96.16
1953 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax	311.42
1953 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax Interest	12.35
1952 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax	318.67
1952 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax Interest	50.96
1951 Tax Sale Redeemed Tax	11.35
1951 Tax Sale Redeemed Tax Interest	2.48
1954 Yield Tax	2,174.02
Received from Selectmen	
Building Permits	220.00
Duplicate Checks	18.31
Hall Rent	136.00
Interest & Dividend Tax	2,940.90
Nashua Trust Co:	
Refund Interest on Loan	28.20
Short Term Notes	39,912.50
Legal—Hume Pipe Co.—	
B & M Petition	50.00
Summer Maintenance—Use of	
Broom and Fuel Oil for Shovel	32.50
Oiling Driveways	353.52
Shedd-Harris Water System	277.75
Received from Claude M. Maker, Clerk	
Auto Permits	10,572.45
Dog Licenses	496.00
Filing Fees	7.00
Received from Police Department	
Bicycle Registrations	27.24
Received from Fire Department	
Forest Fire Recovery	150.22
Wm. N. Footer—Use of Fire Truck	35.00
Public Service Co.—Refunds	8.97
Reeds Ferry Fire Station	320.00

Received From State of New Hampshire		
Travel Time	31.50	
Old Age Assistance—Duvals	37.90	
		69.40
Received for Grader		
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.—		
Drums & Overpayment	348.49	
Reeds Ferry Lumber Corp.—Rental	18.12	
Koppers Co. Inc.—Rental	28.00	
N. E. Pole & Wood Treating—Rental	139.50	
Palazzi—Rental	787.50	
Guy Watkins—Rental	65.90	
Purina Research—Rental	33.75	
State of New Hampshire—Rental	926.30	
Manchester Sand & Gravel—Rental	888.75	
Shea—Rental	16.25	
Town of Amherst—Rental	165.20	
Hitchiner—Rental	22.50	
Richard Remig—Rental	41.30	
Oscar Young—Rental	97.50	
Merrimack St. Garage—Rental	45.00	
Clifton Roach—Rental	4.50	
Arthur Longa—Rental	9.00	
		\$ 3,637.56
Grand Total		\$227,519.84

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

WM. N. FOOTER
E. J. HASELTINE
HAROLD V. BUKER

Selectmen

HAZEL D. FISK

Treasurer

CASH DISBURSEMENTS — TOWN OF MERRIMACK

January 1 — December 31, 1955

Town Officers' Salaries

William N. Footer, Chairman Selectman	\$ 600.00
Harold V. Buker, Selectman	600.00
E. J. Haseltine, Selectman	350.00
W. J. Foster, Tax Collector	1,328.21
Hazel D. Fisk, Treasurer	200.00
Claude M. Maker, Clerk	100.00
Beulah Haseltine, Auditor	75.00
Ila Perry, Auditor	85.00
Florence Richardson, Treasurer Trust Funds	178.00
Harold V. Buker, Overseer of Poor	50.00

\$ 3,566.21
709.50
47.50

Claude M. Maker, Auto Permits
Claude M. Maker, Dog Licenses

Town Officers' Expenses

Assn. N. H. Assessors—Selectmen Dues	3.00
Sarah A. Bishop—300 Envelopes	10.59
Ila M. Perry—Typing Property Tax Lists	19.50
Maxfield Press—Auditor's Statements	5.25
Terminal Stationery Co.—Supplies	7.30
Sarah A. Bishop—Stamps	9.00
Maxfield Press—Ballots & Town Reports	460.75
Wheeler & Clark—Dog Tags & License Book	22.72
Ila Perry—Copying Property Taxes	27.00
Edson C. Eastman—Supplies	3.47
Sarah A. Bishop—Postage	9.90
Jenkins Clover Farm—Postage	9.32
Phaneuf Press—Supplies	113.00
Edson C. Eastman—Supplies	40.76
Ila Perry—Labor on Inventories	35.00
Maxfield Press—Supplies	1.20
Hazel D. Fisk—Permanent Record	50.00
Florence Richardson—Travel, Vault Rent, Postage	34.50

N. H. Tax Collectors' Assn.—Dues	3.00
Hazel D. Fisk—Poll & Head Taxes	17.50
Hazel D. Fisk—Use of Car and Selectmen's Record	25.00
Hillsboro Co. Registry of Deeds— Checking Titles	10.00
Hazel D. Fisk—Town Warrant	30.00
Claude M. Maker—Town Clerk Meeting	43.40
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide—Guide Book	8.00
Wm. N. Footer—Box Rent	1.20
Sarah A. Bishop—2000 Stamps and Printed Envelopes	77.08
Hazel D. Fisk—Official Records and Travel Expense	100.00

1,177.44

Election and Registration

Ladies Aid Society—Dinners	29.25
Gerald Perry—Supervisor	40.00
Louis Hoffman—Supervisor	40.00
Alba Bennett—Supervisor	40.00
Leonard Kelley—Moderator	15.00
Claude M. Maker—Clerk	15.00
Bert Peaslee—Ballot Clerk	15.00
Henry Hock—Ballot Clerk	15.00
Charles King—Ballot Clerk	15.00
Earl Schneiderheinze—Ballot Clerk	15.00
Harold Buker—Selectman	15.00
Wm. N. Footer—Selectman	15.00
Joseph Roy—Janitor	15.00
Frank R. Flanders—Police	15.00
Gertrude Crawford—Stenographer	15.00

314.25

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Merrimack Co.—Water	15.11
Park's Inc.—Oil	336.13
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.—Telephone	194.15
Public Service Co.—Lights	308.64
Joseph Roy—Janitor	645.80
Reeds Ferry Lumber Co.—Lumber and Supplies for Toilets	36.32
Fortescue Construction Co.—Repairs	80.45
J. Therrien—Gas	3.95
Hammar Hardware Co.—Supplies	28.32
Norman Hall—Repairs	42.47
J. L. Pynenburg—Supplies	1.00
A. P. Horne Co.—Trees	8.75
Park's Inc.—Oil	35.09
Kelley Oil Co.—Gas	12.50
Jesse Metcalf—Repairing Steps	56.71
A. Keistlinger—Supplies	14.45

1,819.84

Police Department

Frank R. Flanders—Chief	935.80
Garnet Broad—Duty	29.00
Harold V. Buker, Jr.—Duty	77.56
Thomas A. Dutton—Duty	127.16
Joseph L. Pynenburg—Duty	115.50
Harold Flanders—Duty	27.66
Elzear Houle—Duty	22.00
Daniel Rafferty—Duty	36.34
George Clingham—Duty	5.00
Edward Smith—Duty	10.00
Public Service Co.—Lights	66.09
Rosenfeld Uniform Co.—Flares	23.50
Phaneuf Press—Cabinet	12.50
Goulet Printing Co.—Bicycle Registrations	12.00
Standard Sign & Signal Co.—Bicycle Tags	49.57
W. S. Darley & Co.—Siren & Lights	68.79
Chas. D. Hurley—Transferring Radio	35.00
Service Uniform Co.—Badges	14.97

Morgan Motor Parts—Lights	12.76
Archie Slawsby Ins. Agency—Insurance	100.00
Philip Morris Co.—Desk File	89.00
Monadnock Sport Shop— Guns & Ammunition	117.80

1,988.00

Fire Department

Forest Fire Payroll	351.18
Annual Fire Payroll	1,135.30
Roland Cadorette—Oil	78.71
H. R. Greenleaf—Gas, Oil, Grease	43.93
Merrimack Co.—Hydrant Rental	320.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.—Telephone	387.88
Public Service Co.—Lights & Heater	583.11
Johnson's Electric Supply—Batteires, Supplies, Repair	12.13
Park's Inc.—Oil	54.87
Fay Read—Care of Trucks	61.60
Mathias Hart Co.—6 Safety Hats	38.15
Fairview Garage—Repair & Parts	6.70
Joseph L. Pynenburg—Oil, Gas, Zerone	139.89
Claude M. Maker—Insurance	246.54
Treas. State of N. H.	65.40
Safe-T Supply Co.—Extinguisher	2.75
John Donnelly—Wiring Entrance	118.07
C. Worster—Freight & Flanges	3.79
Boston Coupling Co.—Adapters, Plate Handle	13.23
Henry Chouinard—Repair Truck	20.51
Auto Electric Service—Battery	20.77
Cooks Superette—Gas	4.04
Nashua Supply Co.—Pine	5.18
Harry J. Lovell Co.—300' Hose	480.00
Treas. State of N. H.	2,001.00
Phaneuf Press—Printing	14.75
C. H. Austin—Batteries	7.20
Archie Slawsby Agency—Insurance, Personal & Property Damage	55.00
Reeds Auto Body—Radio	30.58
Bishop & Duxbury—Radio Room	26.98
Eastern Fire Equipment Co.— Record Book (1954)	5.94

6,335.18

Damage and Legal

Upton, Sanders, Upton—B & M RR Petition and Hume Pipe Share	50.00
Hillsboro Co. Registry of Deeds— Deeds and Mortgages	78.85
Aaron Harkaway—Water Commission	465.00
Union Leader Corp.—Adv. Dog Licenses	17.52
Telegraph Pub. Co.—Adv. Dog Licenses	10.00

621.37

Insurance

Archie Slawsby Agency—Town Hall	282.48
Francis W. Bean—Town Hall	146.70
Claude M. Maker—Town Officers' Bonds	498.66

927.84

Health Department

Nashua Police Dept.—Ambulance Service	132.00
State Cancer Commission—Medications	15.02

147.02

Town Dump

James Longa—Appropriation	1,200.00
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Street Lighting

Merrimack	771.47
Reeds Ferry	98.62
South Merrimack	97.92

968.01

Library

Irving Mower, Treasurer	1,700.00
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Highway and Bridges

Summer Maintenance	8,110.64	
Summer Maintenance, Miscellaneous	1,127.49	
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Snow Removal	5,300.36	
Snow Removal, Miscellaneous	512.89	
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Town Road Aid

Town Road Aid		2,341.48
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Old Age Assistance

Old Age Assistance—State of N. H.		2,180.07
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Town Poor

Overseers Orders		772.43
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Memorial Day

Merrimack Memorial Post #98 American Legion		73.60
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Memorial Ball Park

Reeds Ferry Lumber Co.—Lumber,		
Cement & Blocks	401.08	
Norman Hall—Labor	179.71	
Labor—Hall, Lefebvre, Kent,		
Bishop and Duxbury	304.41	
James Brown—Installing Toilets	437.44	
Wm. Tuttle—Digging Trench	120.00	
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Cemeteries

Francis W. Bean—Appropriation		600.00
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Discounts

W. J. Foster, Collector		921.34
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Abatements

W. J. Foster, Collector—Property, Poll & Head		1,743.84
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Refunds

Nashua Cooperative Bank—James Lindsay		65.00
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County Tax

County Treasurer	12,867.71
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School Money

1954 Appropriation	41,400.00	
1955 Appropriation	50,400.00	
	<hr/>	91,800.00

Census

Census	100.00
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Civil Defense

Thomas Dutton, Director	250.00
Cost Before Sale	54.00
Cost At Sale	68.35

Grader

Joseph L. Pynenburg—Oil & Grease	50.42	
Ray Road Equip.—Parts, Shovels, Blades	230.11	
Edgar Thibodeau—Glass	49.80	
Socony—Oil	533.36	
Rice's—Tires & Repair	120.68	
Firestone—Tires & Tubes	449.72	
R. C. Haselton—Repairs & Parts	725.38	
Wm. N. Footer—Batteries	58.40	
Merrimack Tire & Battery—Tire & Tube	18.45	
H. R. Greenleaf—Grease & Oil	25.02	
Pittsburg Plate Glass—Glass	17.19	
Indian Head National Bank—		
Payment on Note	2,000.00	
Indian Head National Bank—		
Interest on Note	50.00	
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Head Taxes

1954	1,652.00	
1955	1,885.95	
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		3,537.95
Interest on Loans		283.34
Temporary Loans—Anticipation of Taxes		40,000.00
Merrimack Valley Region		200.00
Francis W. Bean—Care of Monuments		97.00
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Reeds Ferry Fire Station

Redimix Concrete Service—Concrete	84.00	
Public Service Co.—Lights	1.22	
Park's Inc.—Oil	30.51	
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		115.73

Miscellaneous

Reeds Ferry Water Works—Labor	342.10
Road Signs	214.85
Road Oil	6,220.48
Sewers—Pine, Labor & Dynamiting	991.08
Water Survey—Whitman & Howard	900.00

Yield Tax

W. J. Foster, Collector—Currier	120.00	
W. J. Foster, Collector—White Mt. Freezer Co.	80.36	
W. J. Foster, Collector—Roland Levesque	75.00	
W. J. Foster, Collector—White Mt. Freezer Co.	169.64	
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		445.00
Taxes Bought by Town		3,133.87

GRAND TOTAL	<hr/> \$212,663.93
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Highway Department—Summer Maintenance

Payrolls	\$ 8,110.64
Miscellaneous	
Treas. State of N. H.—Road Maps	17.20
Wirthmore Grain Co.—Akron Pipe	4.00
Bishop & Duxbury—Catch Basins & Drain	74.00
Reeds Ferry Lumber Corp.—Pipe,	
Cement, Lumber	209.37
Edwin Woodward—Gravel	8.80
Cora Weston—Gravel	7.60
H. R. Greenleaf—Lumber & Parts for Drag	9.75
Nashua Foundry—Catch Basins	62.20
Hume Pipe of N. E.—Pipe	170.62
Treas. State of N. H.—3 Red Stop Signs	36.00
Granite St. Asphalt—Asphalt	42.60
Petrometal Industries—Reflecto Letters	94.05
E. E. Nadeau & Sons—Steel Sign Brackets	70.00
Treas. State of N. H.—One Way Signs	7.50
District Director Internal Revenue	313.80

9,238.13

Highway Department—Snow Removal

Payrolls	5,300.36
Miscellaneous	
Joe Roux—Repair Sander	3.00
N. E. Chemical Supply—Salt	47.20
Ray Road Equipment—Repair to Sander	73.06
Reeds Ferry Lumber Corp.—Lumber	3.82
Claude M. Maker—Insurance	81.40
R. C. Haselton—Repair to Plow	54.33
Eddy F. Labrie—Repair to Plow	69.50
Treasurer of N. H.—Road Signs	21.50
Peter Monast—Repair Plow	4.50
Reeds Ferry Lumber Corp.—Paint & Salt	58.98
District Director Internal Revenue	95.60

5,813.25

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Merrimack, N. H.

The past year has been the busiest in the history of the Merrimack Police Department. Complaints reported and investigated have increased steadily, especially those involving juveniles, and in this respect the increase is over 50% above last year. I feel that we can foresee a comparative rise during the year 1956, making it increasingly difficult to fulfill the duties of this department on a part-time basis. Therefore I strongly recommend that the people of this town give serious consideration to instituting and maintaining a full time, permanent police department, to become effective in March of 1957 when my current term of office shall expire. In the light of the increasing demands on this department, I feel that it is in the best interest of the town to adopt such a program.

For purposes of trying to find a solution to the traffic problem by our schools, we installed flashing red lights on the school signs at Thorntons Ferry at the beginning of the fall term. We also tried placing the signs in the middle of the road. These methods were only partially effective, and proved impractical. The only positive means of slowing traffic through the critical areas of our schools is to have a uniformed police officer stationed there, which we did for a two week period at that time. However, under the present system it is very difficult to carry out this procedure. Here again is indicated the need for a full time Police Department.

We still have a balance of \$318.97 in our Police fund, which is to be used for safety and emergency equipment.

The dog situation is becoming increasingly troublesome, because of the failure of owners to license and care for their dogs. After repeated warning to do so, drastic measures will be carried out under state law, and from now on any dog seen at large unlicensed and without a collar will be shot, and the owners will be responsible for their disposal. All dogs over three months old must be licensed, and these licenses may be obtained from Town Clerk Claude M. Maker.

FRANK R. FLANDERS

Chief of Police

Complaints

Accidents	44
Air Rifles	2
Alleged Rape	3
Assisting Various Departments	26
Assisting other Police Departments	43
Attempted Suicide	2
Boys causing trouble	37
Boys causing damage	26
Boys molesting Girls	7
Boats missing or stolen	9
Breaking and entering	6
Dog trouble	36
Drunks	11
Emergency calls	21
Escapees	4
Family troubles	33
Hit & Run	4
Lost children	3
Miscellaneous complaints	73
Missing persons	13
Motor Vehicle Complaints	39
Prowlers	14
Run-away children	6
Selling without permit	1
Shootings	4
Stolen cars	5
Stolen bicycles	3
Stealing chickens	1
Stolen property	12
Suspicious cars	14
Suspicious men	8
Theft	9
Total	486

FRANK R. FLANDERS

Chief of Police

Police Officers, 1956

Chief Frank R. Flanders
Special Officer Thomas A. Dutton
Special Officer Joseph L. Pynenburg
Special Officer Harold L. Flanders
Special Officer Harold V. Buker, Jr.
Special Officer Daniel Rafferty
Special Officer Garnet P. Broad
FRANK R. FLANDERS
Chief of Police

MERRIMACK MUNICIPAL COURT

Motor Vehicle Cases	167
Failure to Comply with School Laws	1
Assault	1
Assault and Battery	1
Fishing without License	1
Gross Lewdness	1
Use of Derisive Language Against Another	1
Drunkenness	2
Hunting by Artificial Lights	2
Kindling Fire Without Permits	1
TOTAL CASES	178

E. J. HASELTINE
Justice
WM. N. FOOTER
Associate Justice

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief, GEORGE J. ALLGAIER
Deputy Chief, WILBUR J. FOSTER
Clerk, CHARLES M. NUTE, JR.
Captain, ALBERT AVERY
Captain, EARL BISHOP
Captain, JOHN TUCKER
1st. Lt., ARNOLD HEATH
1st. Lt., FAY READ
2nd. Lt., J. FRANK HALL
2nd. Lt., CLARENCE WORSTER

February 6, 1956

The forest fire service in Merrimack consists of:

Forest Fire Warden
CLARENCE P. WORSTER
Deputy Wardens
FRANK HALL
ARNOLD HEATH
EDGAR THIBODEAU
EARL BISHOP
WILLIAM BUTLER

BE A GOOD CITIZEN — COOPERATE

Smoking and debris burning caused more than 50 percent of the forest fires occurring in the state of New Hampshire in 1955—235 fires out of a total of 463 originated from these two sources. Lighted smoking material and matches thrown from moving vehicles along the highway or dropped by fishermen, hunters, hikers, berry and flower pickers accounted for 26 percent; debris burning in the wrong place or at the wrong time by those who failed to heed all pleas for safety or refused to recognize the logical, sensible rules and regulations set up under legislative authority governing the use of fire in or near woodlands accounted for more than 24 percent. This is inexcusable.

Everything possible is being done officially to remedy the situation. Since 1909 there has been a statute on our law books which requires everyone to secure written permission from the local forest fire warden before starting a fire in or near woodlands or where fire

can be communicated to woodlands, unless the ground is covered with snow. A never ending program of educational work is being carried on by your local warden and state officials to inform the general public both of the value and necessity of securing the required permit for such burning. Much progress has been made, but there are still many who fail or refuse to cooperate. The value of our permit system was definitely proven in this district during the 1955 calendar year. Local wardens issued 1621 permits for debris burning fires. That's a lot of permits. The records show only 8 permit fires got out of control. This proves several things—while wardens were liberal in the issuance of fire permits, accommodating every applicant so far as possible, they were cautious, following closely directives outlining overall policy governing the issuance of burning permits and thoroughly instructing permit users. The latter, too, fully appreciating their responsibility in using their permits, governed themselves accordingly. Result? Much burning done legally and safe.

But what of the smokers? Despite all the efforts of those officially charged with the responsibility of preventing fires, too many were careless or thoughtless in disposing of smoking material and matches. Why? It is difficult to say. Autos are now equipped with ash trays. Why not use them. The crushing out of a cigar, cigarette and the complete extinguishment of matches before being discarded is an easy chore.

If the costly habits of the careless and indifferent smoker and debris burner could be overcome, more than half of our annual forest fires would be eliminated. Will YOU do YOUR share to bring this about?

REMEMBER

1. Get a written permit from your local warden before starting your debris burning or camp fire. The law requires it.
2. Make certain they are dead out before leaving them.
3. Become a safe smoker by extinguishing smoking material and matches before discarding them.

BE A. GOOD CITIZEN — COOPERATE

Number of local fires — 10

Number of acres burned — 5

Number of permits issued — 25

GUY O. HOLLIS

District Fire Chief

CLARENCE P. WORSTER

Forest Fire Warden

DANGER FROM FIRES IN WOODLANDS

Woodland litter, when dry, is highly inflammable and fires can quickly get out of control. We request your cooperation to control all fires so that lives and property may not be endangered or destroyed, and forests be kept green to furnish the natural beauty we all enjoy and to grow timber we will need.

WHAT IS "WOODLAND"?

The term "woodland" is defined by law to include "cut-over land, slash and such other land as bears a sufficient amount of wood growth, wood weeds, grass or other growth as to be likely to be burned over."

When in the woods, you are expected to exercise caution in the use of fire and to remember that

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO

Throw down lighted matches, cigarettes, or other burning substances from vehicles or otherwise.

Burn brush, rubbish, grass or other materials when the ground is not covered with snow, without written permission from the Forest Fire Warden.

Kindle a camp or cooking fire on your own land without permission of the Forest Fire Warden or on land of another without first obtaining written permission of the owner or his authorized agent.

Leave an open fire burning unattended.

Fail to report a forest or brush fire that is out of control.

Start any outdoor fires or to smoke in woodlands when a ban or woodlands closure is in effect.

VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO THESE PENALTIES

Anyone letting a fire escape from control, whether or not he has a permit to kindle the fire, is liable for the costs of extinguishing the fire.

Anyone found guilty of dropping inflammable material in or near woodland shall be fined not more than \$25.

A person failing to report an uncontrolled brush or forest fire is liable to a fine of not more than \$10.

For kindling a fire in woodland of another without permission of the owner, or for kindling any fire without a permit when a permit is required, a person may be fined not more than \$200, or imprisoned 60 days.

DAMAGES

Every person who shall set fire on any land, that shall run upon the land of another, shall pay to the owner all damages done by such fire.

BE SURE—GET A PERMIT

Incinerators must be tight, with a close mesh screen, and be on *clean ground away from inflammable material*. A steel barrel with screen top is most commonly used.

Open fireplaces used to burn rubbish are classed as incinerators.

Always clean a space about any open fire to prevent its spread.

Never burn in dry, windy weather.

Have incinerators inspected by the Forest Fire Warden and get his written permit.

For fire permits or incinerator inspections in Merrimack, Reeds Ferry or Thorntons Ferry, contact Fire Warden Clarence Worster. In South Merrimack contact Deputy Warden J. Frank Hall.

CLARENCE WORSTER

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF MERRIMACK FIRE DEPARTMENT

We wish to express our thanks for the co-operation extended from the public in preventing and extinguishing fires during the past year.

George Allgaier, Wilbur J. Foster, Charles M. Nute, Jr., Albert Avery, Earl Bishop, John Tucker, Arnold Heath, Fay Read, J. Frank Hall, Clarence Worster, William Allgaier, Jr., Gilbert Beard, Arthur Burgess, Jr., William Butler, Clarence Carman, George Clinghan, Nickola DeVito, J. Wilson French, Perley Greeley, Bernard E. Hall, Carroll F. Hall, Norman Hall, Franklin L. Haseltine, Arthur Houle, John Janas, Arlen Jarry, Albert Junkins, Harry C. McCalvey, Robert McRoberts, Thayer Read, Joseph Roy, Edward Smith, Edgar Thibodeau, William Tinsch, Charles Warren, Joe Watkins, Hollis Whalin, John Worster.

Manhours expended on hose	12
Manhours expended on house fires	162½
Manhours expended on drills	100½
Manhours expended on car, truck fires	33
Manhours expended on chimney fires	57
Manhours expended on false alarms	138
Manhours expended on oil burner fires	24
Manhours expended on industrial fires	194

Oil burning equipment installation permits issued—41. This effort is in accordance with N. H. State Laws.

The Merrimack Fire Department has acquired a new alarm system, consisting of a 2½ horsepower siren for South Merrimack and a 10½ horsepower siren which will cover Merrimack, Reed's Ferry, and Thornton's Ferry. Installation of same to be completed as soon as possible.

In case of fire dial 4-5571. State location of fire. Do everything you can to keep fire from spreading. Keep buildings closed as much as possible, and upon arrival of fire department, give them any information which may be of help to them.

Please keep all roads open so trucks can go and come at will, without being hindered by cars parked in the road.

May we take this opportunity to thank most sincerely Franklin L. Haseltine for the excellent service rendered as Fire Chief during the past years.

GEORGE J. ALLGAIER

Fire Department Chief



SHEDD-HARRIS MEMORIAL WATER SYSTEM

Revenue collected from November 30, 1954 to
November 30, 1955

Received from water services	\$1,765.40
Revenue received from extensions	
Rheume construction	2,000.00
Bishop & Duxbury	187.00
Henry Hock	187.00
Charles Russell	187.00
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	\$2,561.40
Withdrawn from Amoskeag Savings Bank	700.00
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	\$5,261.40
Accounts receivable	
Water services	\$ 232.76
Over payment to A. Todd	100.00
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	332.76
Accounts payable long term	\$2,348.52
Operating expenses	
Plant additions	\$4,685.85
Plant maintenance	774.27
Cash in hands of Banks	
Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$ 504.90
Indian Head National Bank	353.14
Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$ 31.23

ARTHUR G. GORDON
FRANKLIN L. HASELTINE
JOHN WRIGHT
EDWARD W. CARTER
WM. N. FOOTER

Shedd-Harris Water Committee

LIBRARY REPORT

Number of books added to the library by gift and purchase	314
Number of magazines taken	26
Number of magazines given	6
Circulation books and magazines	10,832
Number of new names registered	150
Number of visitors	52
Books lost	6

This has been a busy year in the library, but with efficient helpers the many demands made upon its resources were met successfully. New books are constantly requested.

The rapid circulation of books requires continued work to keep them in repair. Often people leaving town fail to return borrowed books; if unreturned books are in demand they must be replaced. A member of the library staff spends hours going over lists of overdue books and requesting their return.

As the library shelves were becoming crowded, Mr. Charles Maurier, Jr., Library Extension Librarian, inspected the shelves and removed books of doubtful value at the present time. This was necessary to make room for the rapid influx of books in the modern tempo. An inventory of books remaining will be taken and although this will require time, the exact number of books in the library will then be given.

The library held open house during book week in November. Books belonging to the library, a collection loaned by Goodman's Book Store and town historical material were on display. Tea was served.

The library welcomes children and young people from the schools as they come to the library. The librarians sincerely desire to serve these interesting visitors.

The librarians appreciate the cooperation given them by the library trustees and thank the public for their courtesy shown when visiting the library.

Gifts were received from:

M. L. Boardman	Mr. and Mrs. George Moore
Community Club	Irving Mower
Reeds Ferry Womans Club	Ralph MacGuire
American Legion Auxiliary	Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Haseltine
Home Reading Club	Maud Greenwood
Susan Wilkins	Ellen Wallace
John Haseltine	State Reports
Clare Tartaglier	Trade Magazines
Philip Morrill	

MARGUERITE M. HENDERSON
Librarian

TRUSTEES LIBRARY REPORT

Balance 1954	\$ 261.98
Trust Funds	82.55
Fines and Gifts	82.01
Town Orders	1,700.00
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	\$2,126.54
Salaries	\$ 714.75
Books and Magazines	410.43
Fuel, lights, water	49.40
Supplies	24.23
Upkeep and repairs	163.30
Bank service charges	4.59
Balance	759.84
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	\$2,126.54

IRVING F. MOWER

Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Stanley Worrad

Franklin L. Haseltine

Irving F. Mower

A BIT OF TOWN HISTORY

Years ago there lived in Merrimack a worthy couple, Joseph and Jane Gage, who left to the town schools, their entire fortune.

In appreciation oil paintings were made of these benefactors which hung in the town hall for many years also a monument was erected to their memory in Last Rest Cemetery.

Every Memorial Day school children passed by and dropped flowers on Joseph's and Jane's graves.

Strangers coming to town, seeing the pictures, would ask who they were that their pictures hung there. When they were told they went their way reflecting on the generosity of the worthy couple.

Time went by. Those who had known the Gages and their story passed on. Still Joseph and Jane, all but forgotten, looked down from their pictured height on the coming and going of the townspeople.

In the natural course of events, high school pupils became interested in basketball. There was no place for them to play but the town hall. The pictures were taken from the wall and carelessly stored. The Gage pictures were defaced and torn. The frames damaged.

Then to the rescue came those who were interested in town history. They protested against the disregard shown the Gage pictures, identified as they are with town history.

The Selectmen took the matter in hand and said the pictures must be restored.

By recommendation of the Historical Department at Concord, the pictures were taken to Omer Lassonde of Manchester for restoration.

The frames were restored by J. N. Henderson.

Again the pictures of Joseph and Jane Gage hang on the wall, this time in the library.

Submitted by Mrs. Josiah Henderson

ENGINEERING FEES TURKEY HILL BRIDGE

Town of Merrimack Dr. to R. McGaw

1829			
Oct.	29th	To my time to view the bridge at Turkey Hill	\$1.00
	30th	Journey to Dunstable to view Taylor Fall Bridge	2.50
1830			
Jan.	7th	Journey to Bedford for information respecting patent bridge	1.50
	13th	Journey to B. Gofes to see Conte	.75
	15th	Making out dimensions of lumber etc at my house with committee	
	22nd	Preparing paper for recording	1.50
March		Making out paper for contract and bond of building bridge in 2 sets	2.00
	18th	Time spent to meet S. B. Patterson and close contract	1.00
May	11th	Time spent to examine stuff, etc.	1.50
June	8th	1 daytime to examine stuff, etc.	2.00
	28th	1/2 day to examine abutment, etc.	1.00
July	6th	Time spent for letting out the building, abutment, writing contract, etc.	2.00
July	9th	1/2 day to view the work when completed, etc.	1.00
Sept.	4th	1/2 day to sell lumber and other business	1.00
Feb.	16th	Paid R. Boynton for advertising for vendor of materials	.75
Sept.		Paid Kimball & McFarland for advertising contract for building	.75
Settled			\$21.00

Submitted by Arthur G. Gordon

REPORT OF THE TOWN FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1955	\$168.91
Interest added 1955	2.54
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Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1956	\$171.45

ARTHUR GORDON
EDWARD W. CARTER
BERT L. PEASLEE
JOHN WRIGHT

Town Forestry Committee

CERTIFICATE

Merrimack, N. H.

We have examined the accounts of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Committee, Trust Funds, Shedd-Harris Memorial Water System, Oil Burner Permits & Merrimack Municipal Court for the year ending December 31, 1955 and find the receipts and payments correctly cast and properly vouched.

BEULAH HASELTINE
ILA M. PERRY

Auditors

January 31, 1956

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Merrimack, N. H., Year Ended December 31, 1954

NAME OF FUND	PURPOSE	Principal Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Principal Balance End of Year	Income Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
Common Trust	See form 2A for details							
	Cemetery	\$23,417.00	\$ 900.00	\$24,317.00	\$ 862.16	\$ 1,073.63	\$ 5.90	\$ 1,929.89
	Library	1,710.28		1,710.28	6.44	76.11	.44	82.11
	School	18,415.98		18,415.98	10.96	823.60	4.90	829.66
	Fire Prevention for village of Reeds Ferry	8,000.00		8,000.00		356.43	320.00	34.21
Over Paid 1954					13.46		2.22	
							13.46	
NEW FUNDS								
Arthur Gordon	Cemetery		\$300.00					
John E. & Mabel L. Haseltine	Cemetery		300.00					
Frederick W. & Margaret Watkins	Cemetery		300.00					
			<u>\$900.00</u>					
Paid Cemetery Caretaker		\$806.15						
Library		82.55						
School		900.56						
	(will appear in 1956 report)							
				\$51,543.26	\$ 900.00	\$52,443.26	\$ 320.00	\$ 2,875.87

FUNDS NOT IN COMMON TRUST

Geo. & Eliza Watkins	Cemetery, Manch. Sav. Bk.	200.00	200.00	1.04	6.89	7.93
Harry Watkins	Cemetery, Manch. Sav. Bk.	100.00	100.00	2.65	3.50	6.15
Everett Parker	Last Rest Cem. Assoc. Manch. Sav. Bank	3,000.00	3,000.00		103.85	103.85
Harry Watkins, Prize Speaking Contest	School, Fed. Sav. & Loan	2,000.00		2,000.00	426.38	505.86
Harry Watkins, Spelling Contest	School, Fed. Sav. & Loan	1,000.00		1,000.00		
		\$5,300.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 430.07	\$ 193.72	\$ 623.79

HOW INVESTED

No. of Shares or Other Units

July 1, 1954 & Acquired July 1, 1955

	Balance Beginning Year	Additions	Proceeds from Sales	Cash	New Cost	Balance End of Year	Income During Year
Manchester Savings, Principal Acct. Book No. 205204	\$ 699.42					\$ 4,554.84	\$ 24.73
Manchester Savings, Interest Account No. 205043							83.74
U. S. Treasury Bond	2,600.00						37.39
U. S. War Bond	2,900.00					2,900.00	72.50
Rockland Light & Power Co.	60.00					60.00	3.60
502, 502, 1004 Geo. Putnam	9,741.08			301.20	9,439.88	9,439.88	376.50
496, 5, 501 Massachusetts Investors Trust	9,989.18			7.19	9,981.99	9,981.99	517.19
579, 9, 588 Incorporated Investors Trust	6,466.62			13.65	6,452.97	6,452.97	262.53
13, 545, 558, 1116 Fidelity	9,992.02			16.67	9,975.35	9,975.35	533.85
9, 349, 179, 537 Broad Street Investors	9,094.94			16.71	9,078.23	9,078.23	417.74
U. S. Treasury Bonds (called in)		2,600.00	2,600.00				
New Funds		900.00					
				\$ 355.42			
	<u>\$51,543.26</u>	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,600.00</u>			<u>\$52,443.26</u>	<u>\$ 2,329.77</u>



VITAL STATISTICS



Births Registered in the Town of Merrimack, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Birthplace	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 1	Kim Clayton Covey	L Nashua	Lyle H. Covey	Helen E. Reed
Jan. 22	Edward Delmore Rood	L Manchester	Gordon R. Rood	Lillian M. Durkee
Jan. 31	Cynthia Ann Whiting	L Manchester	Eric L. Whiting	Barabara E. Bridgford
Feb. 3	Curtis Dale LaPlante	L Nashua	Raymond F. LaPlante	Janice M. Wilson
Feb. 17	David Arlon Jarry	L Manchester	Arlon A. Jarry	Marjory M. McDonald
Feb. 18	Linda Elizabeth Hodgman	L Nashua	Ralph A. Hodgman	Eleanor L. Upham
Feb. 26	Robin Lyne Longa	L Nashua	Arthur C. Longa	Evelyn D. Tobin
Mar. 16	Roland Henry Bourque	L Nashua	Paul E. Bourque	Marguerite H. Roy
Mar. 18	James John Geary	L Nashua	Hollis E. Geary	Josephine A. Salucco
Apr. 19	Brian Edward Rich	L Nashua	Donald E. Rich	Lilly E. Briggs
Apr. 21	Sandra Rae Hall	L Nashua	Bernard A. Hall	Marcella May Trottier
Apr. 23	Jeffrey Paul Tripp	L Nashua	Herbert B. Tripp	Beulah Marion Beach
Apr. 29	Walter John Piecuch	L Nashua	Philip Piecuch	Phyllis Jackson
Apr. 30	David Mansfield Salisbury	L Nashua	Bob E. Salisbury	Alberta M. Whittier
May 19	Pam Ella Langley	L Nashua	Lester D. Langley	Madeline Worrad
May 28	Bonnie Lou Raymond	L Nashua	Lewis I. Raymond	Dolores T. Graves
June 4	Michael Alan Burgess	L Nashua	Paul A. Burgess	Barbara M. Whittier
June 8	Deborah Ann Stapanon	L Nashua	Edward J. Stapanon	Alice B. McDowell
June 14	Edward George Joslin	L Nashua	Thomas E. Joslin	Cecile D. Edmond
June 17	Aaron Brown	L Nashua	Erik Brown	Emmaline E. Weber
June 26	Susan Louise Hill	L Nashua	Frank W. Hill	Phyllis E. Bishop
July 9	Edward Dowling Smith	L Nashua	Edward D. Smith	Beverly M. Cook

July	18	Richard Roy Raymond	M	L	Lowell, Mass.	Michael W. Raymond	Theresa M. Desjaden
Aug.	5	Wendy Rae Buker	F	L	Nashua	Harold V. Buker Jr.	Barbara W. McLetchie
Aug.	10	Patricia Vivian Dickinson	F	L	Nashua	Robert V. Dickinson	Jessie A. Simms
Aug.	23	Joseph Willard Little	M	L	Nashua	Stanley W. Little	Rita A. Pariseau
Aug.	27	Virginia Phyllis Howard	F	L	Nashua	Paul F. Howard	Lorraine E. Dugas
Sept.	1	Brian Douglas Raymond	M	L	Manchester	Ernest W. Raymond	Betty M. Mason
Sept.	3	Stuart Allyn Perkins	M	L	Nashua	Maurice N. Perkins	Joyce E. Carpenter
Sept.	4	Patricia Valerie Styles	F	L	Nashua	James Styles	Josephine M. Metz
Sept.	8	Steven Michael Berry	M	L	Nashua	Melvin O. Berry	Elinor L. Morse
Sept.	20	Amos Leo Parent	M	L	Nashua	Sylvia L. Parent	Ora B. Parizo
Sept.	21	Cynthia L. Penrod	F	L	Manchester	Allen F. Penrod	Virginia T. Pynenburg
Sept.	21	Elizabeth Rachel Mason	F	L	Nashua	Warren E. Mason	Eleanor A. Boucreau
Oct.	8	Susan Patricia Debelis	F	L	Nashua	John Debelis Sr	Olivette Lavoie
Oct.	21	Mary Patricia Moriarty	F	L	Nashua	Frederick W. Moriarty	Mary M. Healy
Oct.	25	Thane Michael Bigwood	M	L	Nashua	David E. Bigwood	Beverly A. Johnson
Nov.	2	Kathleen Ann McLaughlin	F	L	Nashua	Philip D. McLaughlin	Mae A. Kellyhouse
Nov.	6	William Louis Walver	M	L	Manchester	Armand L. Walver	Betty J. Wright
Nov.	8	Kevin Arthur Duquette	M	L	Manchester	Henry J. Duquette	Annie I. Bishop
Dec.	3	Barbara Irene Bickford	F	L	Nashua	Charles Q. Bickford	Pauline T. Douville
Dec.	20	Nancy Anne Pelletier	F	L	Nashua	Roland W. Pelletier	Letitia E. Wilson
Dec.	27	Randall Kevin Burgess	M	L	Nashua	Arthur A. Burgess	Pauline B. Flanders

I hereby certify that the foregoing return of Births is correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

Attest: CLAUDE M. MAKER, Town Clerk of Merrimack, N. H.

Marriages Reported in the Town of Merrimack, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Age	Residence of each Each at Time of Marriage	Birthplace of each	Names of Parents	By Whom Married Place of Marriage
Jan. 20	Raymond L. Vadney ..27		Reeds Ferry, N. H.	N. H.	George H. Vadney ... Lillian Nutting	Bolic A. Degasis Justice of the Peace Nashua, N. H.
	Marie M. Dion .....23		Nashua, N. H.	Canada	Joseph N. Simard ... Bertha A. Moreau ...	
Jan. 22	Oscar E. Decato .....22		Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Harold E. Decato ... Katherine Watkins ...	Rev. J. N. Barrett Min. of the Gospel Nashua, N. H.
	Beverly A. Williams ..16		Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Floyd Williams ... Florence E. West ...	
Jan. 22	Roger E. Costain .....18		Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Freeman E. Costain .. Mary Brooks	Rev. John Wright Clergyman Reeds Ferry, N. H.
	Patricia I. Read .....17		Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Alton T. Read	
Jan. 30	Espiridion Gonzales ....27		Ayer, Mass.	Texas	Sylvia A. Potter ... Gabriel Gonzales ...	Claude M. Baker Justice of the Peace Merrimack, N. H.
	Adelaide I. Piper .....35		Lowell, Mass.	Mass.	Ophelia Ruiz	
Feb. 16	Alfred R. Roy .....52		South Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Anthony Veiga	Rev. Dennis Downey Roman Catholic Priest Merrimack, N. H.
	Evelyn M. Balcom ....42		South Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Adelaide Cuna	
Mar. 4	Lincoln A. Riggs .....38		Groton, Mass.	Mass.	George Roy	Claude M. Maker Justice of the Peace Merrimack, N. H.
	Esther B. Vindici .....32		Groton, Mass.	Mass.	Emma Rouseau	
Mar. 17	Thomas P. Hujsak ....20		Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	William E. Balcom ... Alice Shattuck	Ben Piper Justice of the Peace Goffstown, N. H.
	Beverly A. Goodwin 19		Nashua, N. H.	N. H.	Fay O. Riggs	
					Caroline Ferrin ... Harvey Belcher	
					Edith A. Hasbrouck ..	
					Stanley Hujsak	
					Sophie Bednarz	
					Otis G. Goodwin	
					Sarah Haslim	

Mar.	22	Victor S. Varano	20	Dedham, Mass.	Mass.	Samuel Varano	Claude M. Maker Justice of the Peace Merrimack, N. H.
		Carol A. Jordan	18	Dedham, Mass.	Mass.	Grace M. Saris	
Apr.	23	Royal E. Haynes Jr.	27	Sudbury, Mass.	Mass.	Edward W. Jordan	
		Barbara E. Bullard	23	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Helen T. Martin	
May	21	Armand E. LeBlanc	26	South Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Royal E. Haynes Sr. Episcopal Clergyman Merrimack, N. H.	
		Ilse A. Koberg	20	Nashua, N. H.	Germany	Helen A. Peterson	
June	10	Joseph Mazur	18	Merrimack, N. H.	R. I.	Robert A. Bullard	
		Janet M. Liebenow	18	Nashua, N. H.	Mass.	Edith C. Lawrence	
June	20	Leon D. Pike Jr.	25	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Armand S. LeBlanc Roman Cath. Priest Nashua, N. H.	
		Lorraine F. Lizotte	26	Nashua, N. H.	N. H.	Lena R. Fournier	
June	23	Warne S. Hasselbrock	78	Willimantic, Conn.	N. York	Walter Kolberg	
		Helen H. Harris	75	Willimantic, Conn.	Conn.	Thea Krocher	
June	27	George A. Gross	22	Detroit, Mich.	Michigan	Joseph Mazur	
		Marcelline I. Prince	22	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Nellie Patakula	
June	30	Henry J. Parkinson	65	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Roscoe W. Liebenow Nashua, N. H.	
		Irene Gerrish	53	Merrimack, N. H.	Nova Scotia	Evelyn A. Pratt	
July	2	Donald W. Flanders	19	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Leon D. Pike Sr.	
		Joan M. Roy	19	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Cora M. Melvin	
						Joseph O. Lizotte	
						Lora M. Normando	
						George Hasselbrock Justice of the Peace Merrimack, N. H.	
						Margaret E. Lewis	
						George E. Hayden	
						Lillie C. Lowe	
						Bondy Gross	
						Anna Lubin	
						Marcel J. Prince	
						Gladys B. Siddal	
						Henry Parkinson	
						Alice A. Happeney	
						Charles Vance	
						Frances Lightbody	
						Frank R. Flanders	
						Flora A. Wise	
						Joseph W. Roy	
						Gennivieve Masse	

July	6	Roger J. Beaudin	42	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Arthur Beaudin	John E. Baker Justice of the Peace Hudson, N. H.
		Alice B. Siddall	54	Manchester, N. H.	N. H.	Laisur Hamel	
July	16	Leslie T. Reynolds	43	Rehoboth, Mass.	Mass.	Peter Walker	
		Lillian B. Hindle	43	Taunton, Mass.	Mass.	Sarah Brown	
July	23	Adolph Rozan	40	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Norman L. Reynolds	Claude M. Maker Justice of the Peace Merrimack, N. H.
		Dorothy M. Delaney	40	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Cora E. Bragg	
Aug.	6	George W. Bishop	28	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	William A. Hindle	
		Joyce A. Nesmith	18	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Blanche F. Wood	
Aug.	20	Richard Perkins	25	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Adolph F. Rozan	Rev. John Wright Clergyman Merrimack, N. H.
		Nancy A. Nesmith	17	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Mary Stangis	
Sept.	5	Robert J. Lozeau	23	Nashua, N. H.	N. H.	Clarence J. Rogers	
		Phyllis E. Paradise	21	So. Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Emma M. Banfill	
Sept.	10	Richard F. Bellville	19	Merrimack, N. H.	Vt.	George B. Bishop	Rev. John Wright Clergyman Merrimack, N. H.
		Doris A. Gagnon	19	Nashua, N. H.	N. H.	Nellie Askam	
Oct.	8	Joseph F. Pynenburg	25	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Daniel E. Nesmith	Rev. Ralph A. Benson Adventist Clergyman Nashua, N. H.
		Dorothy A. Maker	16	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Edith M. Bennert	
Oct.	28	Albert F. Davidson	47	Temple, N. H.	N. H.	Fred C. Perkins Sr.	
		Doris A. Lynn	44	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Ethel Cobbett	
						Daniel Nesmith	
						Edith M. Bennert	
						Euchariste J. Lozeau	Rev. E. L. Bussiere Roman Catholic Priest Nashua, N. H.
						Elphema Heroux	
						Claude H. Paradise	
						Verna P. English	
						Fred J. Bellville	
						Kathryn A. Fairbanks	Rev. John Bryson Catholic Priest Nashua, N. H.
						Albert Gagnon	
						Alice Boucher	
						Joseph L. Pynenburg	Rev. Dennis Downey Roman Catholic Priest Merrimack, N. H.
						Helen M. Manning	
						Ralph E. Maker	
						Rose O. Kemp	
						Everett W. Davidson	
						Maude M. Fiske	
						Perley J. Mason	Claude M. Maker Justice of the Peace Merrimack, N. H.
						Fannie E. Moore	

Dec.	14	Charles E. Buker	.....27	Merrimack, N. H.	.....	Mass.	.....	Harold Buker Sr.	.....	Rev. John Wright Clergyman Merrimack, N. H.
		Barbara L. Belleau	....22	Hudson, N. H.	.....	Maine	.....	Lillian J. Whiting	.....
Dec.	17	Lawrence E. Decato	..19	Merrimack, N. H.	.....	N. H.	.....	Gladys P. Greenier	.....	Rev. Walter Righter Prot. Episcopal Priest Nashua, N. H.
		Judy L. Bellville	.....17	Merrimack, N. H.	.....	Vt.	.....	Harold E. Decato	.....
								Katherine L. Watkins	.....
								Fred J. Bellville	.....
Dec.	17	Bert R. Hill	.....19	Merrimack, N. H.	.....	N. H.	.....	Kathryn A. Fairbanks	.....	Rev. John Wright Clergyman Merrimack, N. H.
		Doris L. Bishop	.....18	Merrimack, N. H.	.....	N. H.	.....	Rolland L. Hill	.....
								Cora Burgess	.....
								Walter N. Bishop	....
								Eva Ouellette	.....

I hereby certify that the foregoing return of Marriages is correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

Attest: CLAUDE M. MAKER, Town Clerk of Merrimack, N. H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Merrimack, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1955.

Date of Death 1955	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Place of Death	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Burial
Jan. 1	Allen Harrison Baker	M 66	M	Nashua	Oscar A. Baker	Delphine Mignault	So. Merrimack
Feb. 5	Margaret Snadden Watkins	F W 76	F	Goffstown	Thomas Snadden	Elizabeth Sprat	Merrimack
Feb. 7	George Henry Savage	M M 66	M	Nashua	Louis Savage	Caroline Whitmore	Merrimack
March 28	Clara Elizabeth Dewkett	F M 85	F	Hampton			Merrimack
April 8	Stanley Little	M S 1	M	Nashua	Stanley Little	Rita Parrisseau	Merrimack
April 15	Fred E. Hall	M M 83	M	Concord	Thomas Hall	Emma Miller	Merrimack
April 17	Minnie F. Bowen	F 62	F	Boston, Mass.	Thomas E. Foote	Anna Lamb	Merrimack
April 21	Emma Elizabeth Johnson	F M 69	F	Nashua	William Harrington	Lois I. McIntire	Merrimack
April 25	Catherine A. Nash	F S 86	F	Merrimack	Jeremiah Nash	Mary Connor	Hudson
May 9	Charles A. Longa	M D 70	M	Goffstown	Anson Longa	Susan Hartshorn	Merrimack
May 11	Mary Anna Betterley	F M 67	F	Merrimack	Walter L. Park	Margaret Madden	Merrimack
May 22	George Albert Johnson	M W 73	M	Nashua	Charles Johnson	Emma Andrews	Merrimack
June 5	Zygmunt C. Raskiewicz	M M 47	M	Nashua	Joseph Raskiewicz	Antonia Wilk	Merrimack
June 7	Richard Leverett Murray	M M 61	M	Merrimack	Richard Murray	Sarah E. Ordway	Beverly, Mass.
June 10	Sadie Jean Hayward	F M 50	F	Nashua	John Dentch	Pauline Davis	Boston, Mass.
June 13	Helen Josephine Leonard	F M 43	F	Nashua	Frank Kelpus	Not Given	Merrimack
July 23	Mabel E. Hall	F W 77	F	Manchester	David Dunbar	Myraetta Hamlett	Merrimack
Sept. 1	Albert Edward Jebb Jr.	M M 51	M	Nashua	Albert E. Jebb Sr.	Flora Nelson	Merrimack
Sept. 23	Baby Boy Holbrook	M SB	M	Manchester	Robert K. Holbrook	Doris B. Theriault	Merrimack
Oct. 2	George O. Hayward	M M 73	M	Merrimack	William Hayward	Jessie McLeod	Merrimack
Oct. 8	Charles A. Ferguson	M W 82	M	Newmarket	William Ferguson	Martha Cushon	Th'rontons Ferry
Oct. 31	Emma M. Hadley	F W 89	F	Merrimack	Sylvester Hadley	Lucy McAlpine	Goffstown
Nov. 4	Joseph F. F. McKeown	M S 55	M	Merrimack	John McKeown	Adel Doyer	Manchester

Nov.	8	Alfred Peter Castle	.....	M	M	70	Nashua	.....	Louis Castle	.....	Mary Cloutier	.....	Merrimack
Nov.	22	Bonnie Mae McRoberts	.....	F	S	1½	Merrimack	.....	Robert McRoberts	..	Dorothy M. Buker	..	Merrimack
Nov.	30	Jacob H. Longa	.....	M	S	85	Merrimack	.....	James W. Longa	...	Eugenia McMillan	..	Merrimack
Dec.	16	Clair B. Junkins	.....	M	M	71	Clearwater, Fla.	....	Albert Junkins	.....	Clara Hill	.....	Merrimack
Dec.	29	Eli Bartlett	.....	M	M	67	Reeds Ferry	.....	Eli Bartlett	.....	Margaret Paul	.....	Nashua
Dec.	30	William Pierre Allard	.....	M	M	76	Nashua	.....					Merrimack

I hereby certify that the foregoing return of Deaths is correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

Attest: CLAUDE M. MAKER, Town Clerk of Merrimack, N. H.

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MERRIMACK, N. H.
for the
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1955

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Perley J. Greeley

Clerk

Gertrude O. Crawford

Treasurer

Alice W. Read

School Board and Trustees

Edward D. Cox

Bessie A. Linscott

Francis J. O'Gara, Jr.

School Auditors

Ila M. Perry

Beulah M. Haseltine

Planning and Building Committee

Rupert A. Green
Edmond J. Houle
Bert L. Peaslee

Eleanor M. Haseltine
Arnold C. Heath
John J. Donnelly

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Merrimack qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 6th day of March 1956, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board and Trustees for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the construction, equipment and furnishing of an addition to the Merrimack High School; and whether the District will vote to raise such sum through the issuance of serial notes and bonds upon the credit of the District; and to authorize the School Board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued, including their sale and the time and place of payment of interest and principal, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bonds Statue, N.H. Revised Laws, Chapter 72, and any amendments thereto.

10. To see if the District will vote to allow the balance, if any, at the end of each fiscal year, to be deposited into a Capital Reserve Fund for future building needs.

11. To transact any business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Merrimack this 15th day of February 1956.

BESSIE A. LINSKOTT
FRANCIS J. O'GARA, JR.
EDWARD D. COX

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

BESSIE A. LINSKOTT
FRANCIS J. O'GARA, JR.
EDWARD D. COX

School Board

MERRIMACK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comparative Budget Statement and Budget for the School Year 1956-1957

EXPENDITURES	1953-1954 Budget	1953-1954 Expenditures	1954-1955 Budget	1954-1955 Expenditures	1955-1956 Budget	1955-1956 Amt. Expended	1956-1957 Budget
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 305.00	\$ 274.50	\$ 305.00	\$ 297.00	\$ 830.00	\$ 826.00	\$ 830.00
2. Supt's Salary (our share)	948.75	948.75	932.25	932.25	1,017.75	1,017.75	1,032.00
3. Per Capita Tax	844.00	844.00	946.00	946.00	1,026.00	1,026.00	1,110.00
4. Salaries Adm. Personnel	601.10	536.10	916.00	1,029.00	714.00	1,388.00	1,568.08
5. Administration Supplies	530.75	539.97	635.25	970.02	690.30	690.30	989.55
6. Teachers Salaries	49,100.00	46,917.82	56,930.00	59,354.45	61,890.00	61,130.00	76,379.00
7. Books & Instruction Aids	1,272.00	1,571.16	1,474.00	1,071.95	2,133.75	2,336.58	2,276.25
8. Scholar Supplies	1,474.00	1,531.55	1,608.00	1,862.24	2,276.00	2,276.00	2,731.50
9. Clerical Assistants							
10. Instruction Supplies	445.00	333.52	485.00	544.22	450.00	450.00	475.00
11. Janitor Salaries	2,150.00	2,872.00	3,190.00	3,082.83	3,475.00	3,475.00	4,190.00
12. Fuel	2,500.00	2,539.38	2,700.00	2,711.04	2,700.00	2,700.00	3,300.00
13. Water, Lights, Supplies	1,500.00	2,402.71	2,100.00	3,082.24	2,100.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
14. Repairs and Replacements	2,000.00	1,904.85	1,500.00	594.09	1,500.00	892.14	1,750.00
15. Health Supervision	1,100.00	1,190.60	1,227.60	1,314.35	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,400.00
16. Transportation	8,100.00	8,218.70	10,800.00	10,800.00	10,800.00	10,800.00	10,800.00
17. Elementary Tuition		285.00	300.00	243.67	450.00	450.00	450.00
18. Special Activities	350.00	403.92	400.00	242.87	600.00	500.00	600.00
19. Retirement	2,576.00	3,256.87	3,962.80	3,709.52	4,220.90	4,169.03	5,299.42
20. Insurance	1,025.00	984.75	1,220.00	1,342.52	1,285.00	1,285.00	1,730.46
21. Lands & Buildings	500.00	58,814.56					
22. Additions & Improvements	4,000.00	1,125.86	1,875.00	1,271.80	2,408.10	2,250.00	750.00
23. New Equipment	3,200.00	1,712.86	2,480.00	2,764.19	1,400.00	1,400.00	808.00

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT TREASURER
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MERRIMACK

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 300.11
Received from Selectmen (include only amounts actually received)	
Current Appropriation	\$ 87,221.79
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation	3,100.00
Received from State Treasurer	
State Funds	17,016.54
Federal Funds	1,323.45
Received as Income from Trust Funds	781.74
Received from all Other Sources	897.40
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$110,340.92
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)	110,641.03
Less School Board Orders Paid	<hr/> 109,418.95
Balance on Hand June 30, 1955 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 1,222.08
July 15, 1955	

ALICE W. READ

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Merrimack, New Hampshire of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

July 20, 1955

BEULAH M. HASELTINE
ILA M. PERRY

Auditors

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES 1954-1955

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT 1955

Salaries of District Officers

Francis J. O'Gara, Jr.,	
Chairman School Board	\$ 75.00
Mabel P. Jebb, School Board	75.00
Bessie A. Linscott, School Board	75.00
Alice W. Read, Treasurer	50.00
Ila M. Perry, Auditor	6.00
Beulah M. Haseltine, Auditor	6.00
Perley J. Greeley, Moderator	5.00
Gertrude O. Crawford, Clerk	5.00

\$ 297.00

Superintendent's Salary (District Share) 932.25

State Wide Supervision (Per Capita Tax) 946.00

Administrative Salaries

Union Office (District Share)	904.00
Truant Officer	50.00
Census Taker	75.00

\$ 1,029.00

Administration Supplies and Expenses (District Share)

Teachers Salaries	59,354.45
Books & Instructional Aids	1,071.95
Scholar Supplies	1,862.24
Instructional Supplies	544.22
Janitor Salaries	3,082.83
Fuel	2,711.04
Water, Light & Janitor Supplies	3,082.24
Repairs & Replacements	594.09
Health Supervision	1,314.35
Transportation	10,800.00
Elementary Tuition	243.67
Special Activities (Sports)	242.87

Teachers Retirement	3,709.52
Insurance	1,342.52
Additions & Improvements	1,271.80
New Equipment	2,764.19
Principal of Debt	13,000.00
Interest on Debt	2,976.36
School Lunch (Exchange)	1,070.51
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Total Expenditures Committed	\$115,213.12
Amount Raised by Taxes & Receipts	\$107,541.03
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Deficit for year	\$ 7,672.09
Less accumulative deficit of previous years given in 1955-1956 budget	\$ 4,212.83
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Actual Deficit for year	\$ 3,459.26

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT 1955

School District of Merrimack, N. H.

EXPENDITURES FOR 1955-1956

Current Expenditures	\$ 99,533.70	
Additions & Improvement	2,408.10	
New Equipment	1,400.00	
Debt & Interest	15,588.81	
Deficiency Appropriation (Previous to 7-1-54)	4,212.83	
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Total Appropriation (including appropriations voted at special meetings)		\$123,143.44

RECEIPTS FOR 1955-1956

Federal Aid (Estimate)	260.00	
State Aid (Estimate)	17,000.00	
Trust Funds (Estimate)	600.00	
Assessment Required to meet School District Appropriation	105,283.44	
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Total Appropriation (including appropriations voted at special meetings)		\$123,143.44

CERTIFICATES

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Merrimack School District held March 1, 1955.

June 13, 1955

GERTRUDE O. CRAWFORD

Clerk of the School District

TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for the school year 1955-1956, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the school board in accordance with N.H. Laws of 1951, Chapter 37, Section 2.

June 13, 1955

F. J. O'GARA, JR.

Chairman of the School Board

REPORT OF MERRIMACK HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

From July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

INCOME

Balance on Hand, July 1, 1954	\$ 15.68
Lunch Sales	5,965.59
Federal Reimbursement	1,060.36

Total Income	\$ 7,041.63
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EXPENDITURES

Food	\$ 4,480.21
Labor	2,121.04
Equipment	178.47
Other	47.65

Total Expenditures	\$ 6,827.37
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1955	\$ 214.26
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There were 22,651 meals served to children during this period.
The average number served per day was 133.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE A. HEVEY

Custodian of Funds

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Classes and Organizations

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955

	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance
Class of 1955	\$1,978.85	\$1,978.85	
Class of 1956	555.14	283.08	272.06
Class of 1957	380.32	60.53	319.79
Class of 1958	425.06	53.46	371.60
Class of 1959	99.74	7.50	92.24
Class of 1960	8.45	—	8.45
Athletic Association	623.64	619.45	4.19
Student Council	116.28	103.90	12.38

Respectfully submitted,

EDMOND J. HOULE

Custodian of the Funds

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MERRIMACK SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the School Board and Citizens of Merrimack School District:

I submit with pleasure my first Annual Report as your Superintendent of Schools.

It has been gratifying to come to Merrimack as your Superintendent and observe the manner in which problems are being faced and solved. Much credit is due your school board in the leadership they have shown in recognizing the problems and putting them before the citizens in a forthright manner. The high degree of co-operatoin that has been evident in all meetings with the school board and Building Committee speaks well for the future of your young people. Keep up the good work.

Like Topsy, Merrimack has just grown, and as new families have moved into town our school population has increased to the point where housing is inadequate. The proposed addition of four rooms to the high school will solve the problem for the time being at least, and it is my hope that the voters will face the issue squarely and provide the necessary funds for the addition. Otherwise it will mean holding classes in the town hall or some other available space outside our present school buildings.

It is impossible for Merrimack to look forward at this time to a consolidation of its schools into one big school, but it is possible to consolidate on a grade level. Your Superintendent and Helping Teacher have discussed this at some length and feel that the instructional level would be raised with no appreciable increase in the cost. Instead of having two different grades in each building it is recommended that the following program be set up in the first three grades.

	Grades	Est. 1956-57
South Merrimack School	1	10
	2	9
	3	7
Merrimack Grammar	1	35
	1	35
Thorntons Ferry	2	26
	2	23
Reeds Ferry	3	31
	3	32

You will note that with the exception of So. Merrimack the other three schools will hold children of the same grade level. This would concentrate all instructional materials for one grade in the same building thereby increasing the opportunities of sharing between teachers and pupils experiences. This idea is a well accepted educational principle and deserves every consideration. You will note that the large grades are in the building with the largest classrooms.

Your School Board is wisely following a policy of doing some repairs and replacements in each building annually. Because of this policy your schools are kept in good general repair. The new ceiling in the high school annex has improved the acoustics of that building tremendously and has improved the instructional facilities in the various buildings.

Your teachers are professionally minded and are striving to give Merrimack their best efforts. This cooperative attitude is appreciated by both Mr. McGrath and myself.

The election of Mr. John W. McGrath as Helping Teacher in Supervisory Union #27 has been a definite step in the right direction. In order to make Mr. McGrath's work definite, he has been put in charge of instruction in the various school districts. It is his job to work with and help the individual teachers, to survey instructional facilities and work with your Superintendent in building a better overall educational program. As his report follows, I shall only say that he has done his work exceedingly well and that the instructional level of our schools has improved through his conscientious efforts.

In closing I would like to state that it is your Superintendent's sincere hope that through the cooperation of Principals and teachers, pupils of your schools will take pride in their sense of achievement and can say "I earn what I get and get what I deserve."

I wish to express my appreciation to the School Board, Teachers, pupils and citizens for their friendly and helpful cooperation. It has made my work most pleasant.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS L. RAMSAY
Superintendent of Schools

HELPING TEACHER REPORT

February 1, 1956
Hudson, N. H.

Mr. Louis L. Ramsay
Superintendent of Schools
Merrimack School District
Merrimack, N. H.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as Helping Teacher for the Merrimack School District. I have divided my report into two major categories: (1) Elementary, and (2) Secondary. Under each of these divisions appear two subdivisions, for clarity: (a) Present Status of the Curriculum and, (b) Future Planning for the Curriculum.

Many people have not been able, as yet, to clarify the position of Helping Teacher. Shall it suffice to say that the Helping Teacher's role of counselor, specialist, and consultant to the professional staff, school board, parents, and to the community at large has one major objective, and that is the general improvement of the educational growth and development in our schools.

Much credit for hard and diligent work must be awarded to the teachers who actually formulate and carry out the curriculum that at present is instituted in our schools. They are always aware that in working with pupils—humans—they must be ever diligent about improvement in *all* the aspects of the curriculum.

ELEMENTARY:

- (1) Present Status of the Curriculum:
 - (a) Reading:

The Scott-Foresman system of basal readers is proving its worth. This is an extensive and expensive cumulative reading program which seems to produce readers who can, in most cases, read to capacity. Our most ingenious teachers have little trouble in this area. Some others, however, need a great deal of extra supplemental material to aid them in their "job" of teaching reading. Slowly, but surely, much of this material is "seeping" into the classrooms of the District.

Those children who can't read to capacity after being skilfully guided through this program are out of the realm of solution of the ordinary classroom teachers. They are our unfortunate cases who will always be constitutionally immature.

(b) Language:

The present system of language instruction is lacking somewhat. Under our current program, The McKee Language Series, I wonder if the skills are receiving just emphasis in relation to the social competencies.

(c) Spelling:

In the field of education this is rapidly becoming as controversial an area as reading. Much modern research in this area of the language art should allow any system to accomplish satisfactory results. The Gates-Rinsland series of *Pupils Own Vocabulary Spellers* are employed in this area. These have proved a wise ascension. Presently, we seem to be attacking the teaching of spelling effectively!

(d) Guidance:

A testing program has been instituted. In grades 1, 4, 8, and 10 intelligence tests will be administered each year during the month of September. In grade 1 the California Mental Maturity, Primary Test Form: test is used; in grades 4, 8, and 10 the California Short Form Tests of Mental Maturity are used — elementary advanced, and adult forms respectively. This is to become an annual affair.

Achievement testing in the Spring has been instituted and if this year's success is a measure of the usefulness of the program, I am positive that no one will be able to refute its necessity. In grades 1 and 2 the California Reading Test is administered; in grade 3 the California Achievement Battery, Primary Form (reading, arithmetic, and language) is administered. In grades 4, 5, and 6 the California Achievement Battery, Intermediate Form (reading, arithmetic, and language) is administered.

Cumulative records and the wealth of information that goes with each one have been instituted for all children. I am sure their usefulness will be felt in the future by our own schools and faculties and assuredly by the high school to which our students are eventually graduated.

(e) Arithmetic:

Sound concept and understandings are being developed within this area. Actually, some of our teachers are "rushing" this program as it is basically built in our series - - *Making Sure of Arithmetic*—grades one through six—and, thus, we find that at many grade levels we are ahead of where we should be in this area. In general, a solid arithmetical base is being provided for future life and future mathematical endeavors.

(f) Science:

We are in deplorable condition! In many instances, science is an abandoned area.

(g) Social Studies:

In grade one through three we have and are attempting to follow the state curriculum and ordinarily — no texts are required. The curriculum develops from a home understanding to home-school-community understanding. In grades four through six we employ the Follett series which builds an extension of the primary studies and develops understanding of the community, state, New England, the nation, and American neighbors. This is a more than satisfactory and acceptable program.

(h) Handwriting:

The District employs the services of one of the best handwriting systems in existence, The Rinehart System of Waltham. The results that this system produces, with the cooperation of the teachers, is self evident.

(i) Music:

Mrs. Mary Donnelly carries on a practical program in all grades one through six. In the high school she handles an appreciation program as well as a choral program.

(2) Future Planning for the Curriculum:

(a) Reading:

A much fuller development and instructional reading program is a future hope. Much needs to be done to our developmental program. Some thought might be given in the future to helping those children who are having serious, yet remedial, difficulties in attempting to read to capacity and aren't succeeding. Also, some of the constitutionally immature students need special help. This help is usually provided in the form of a Remedial Teacher. This is worth consideration.

(b) Language:

The McKee series, which language program we employ now, and have used for some years, either needs to have a great deal of new and vital "life" injected into it or be abandoned in favor of a program that permits the teachers to stress the skills of this area of the language arts on an equal basis with the social competencies.

(c) Spelling:

New and more modern methods of teaching spelling are so efficient and attractive we shall undoubtedly have to look forward to a new program adoption within five years!

(d) Arithmetic:

It is hoped that during the 1957-58 school year this major area can receive the most attention and emphasis as far as curriculum developments and improvements are to be considered. Even though we are in fair "shape" it is hoped that improvement can always be gained and new methods and approaches discovered which will produce better results.

(e) Science:

The teachers are presently examining some of our better science programs. Eventually, it is hoped we can adopt a good cumulative system which will help overcome an obvious discrepancy in our program. Certainly a strengthening of this area is needed.
SECONDARY:

(1) Present Status of the Curriculum:

Nationally, high schools have lagged in curriculum improvement and development. Presently, Merrimack High's students are allowed the freedom of course selection attached to a modern, individualized program, even though the diet of courses is not ample. All this selection is effective under some guidance. This type of individualized styling in the program has proved applicable to Merrimack but needs change.

The best measure of success which can be applied to the program at Merrimack High is contained in the answer to three queries!

(1) Does the program take into consideration that each pupil is different? (2) Does the program take into consideration that all pupils can make progress when provided with experiences within their capacities? (3) With Merrimack High's program, are we attempting to do both correctly? The present program is not the panacea of all our problems.

Future Planning for the Curriculum:

(a) Merrimack High has certainly reached a stage whereby some dynamic and forward thinking needs to be accomplished in all specific areas of the curriculum and philosophy. Certainly evaluation and revaluation provides for constant growth and improvement. Merrimack High is only a *part* of a system which is striving toward overall betterment!

(b) More breadth and scope needs to be offered to the course offerings at the High School. A complete analysis of the courses and their intent of being applicable to the community is needed. Certainly, some new type courses need to be added for Merrimack students. Surely, some of the present offerings need to be considered for elimination.

(c) A program which operates under individualized styling needs some counseling and guidance. Certainly, this area, needs just attention when considering Merrimack curriculum.

Considering our entire District, much planning and thinking about the curriculum is evidenced by what our teachers are producing. I am sure that this constant and productive planning and thinking about all areas of the curriculum will continue as it has in the past.

All the teachers within the District have been more than cooperative; I believe they have accepted my position without too much hesitancy. I am pleased in this respect, as I am certain that the difficulties that could have arisen with the advent of another supervisory "watchdog" could have been exceedingly damaging for this cooperation.

This has been a rewarding year for the Helping Teacher. The cooperation by all concerned has made it possible to do the job of "helping" with dispatch and meaning.

To you, Sir, my thanks for your guidance, support and cooperation. Without your understanding and approval all our work would be futile. It has been a privilege to serve as your assistant for instructional services.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. McGRATH
Helping Teacher

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

January 1st to December 31, 1955

Last year, because of its size, we divided grade seven into two sections. This year, for the same reason, we divided grade eight in the same manner. The first floor of the main building had to be used for the junior high school and the upper floor for the high school.

The size of the junior-senior high school has now reached a point where we must think of adding new courses to our schedule.

I feel that the main reason many pupils do not remain in school or who do not work up to their abilities is because they are forced to select subjects which they do not particularly need.

The addition of a commercial department has proved to be very valuable to many of our graduates, especially the girls.

We are getting a large number of boys from grade seven through twelve who would benefit very much by a general shop course; especially those who are not interested in college or the commercial field. This is one area I think we must begin to work on if we are to satisfy the needs of more of our pupils.

The following sections concern what some of our pupils have done the past year:

I ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Bernard Cyr won the foul shooting contest.

Merrimack High again competed in the basketball tournament held at Keene Teachers' College.

In the spring Coach H. Dana Taylor took a group of seventh and eighth grade boys to Milford to compete in a track meet. His charges won so many first and second places that they won first prize as a team.

In June, the home economic girls, under the able direction of Miss Montminy; put on the annual Athletic banquet. Wilfred Michaud, teacher-coach of Nashua Junior High School, was the main speaker. Coaches Montminy, Robitaille, Steckevicz and Taylor made appropriate remarks.

II PUBLIC SPEAKING, PLAYS AND SPELLING.

In February, Jacqueline Frost, Natalie Brown, Jane Bastille and Terence Hedges took part in the State Prize Speaking contest held at Durham. Terence Hedges placed second in the state in the oratorical division.

Jacqueline Frost participated in the I Speak for Democracy Contest over station WOTW.

"We Shook the Family Tree" coached by Mrs. Dickinson, was presented by the senior class in April. Again a well directed cast gave a fine performance.

Maureen Ivanow was again our champion speller of grades 6, 7 and 8 and took part in both the District Spelling Contest and the Union-Leader contest in Nashua.

Nov. 4th, the Ninth Annual Watkins Prize Speaking Contest.

1. Gilbert Burns—"Boys will be Boys"
2. Linda Bolton—"Just a Scratch on the Fender"
3. Mary Ann DuFresne—"Little Miss Busy Body"
4. Mary Ellen Potter—"Janice Wanted a Watch"
5. Annie Watkins—"A Kitty Goes Adopting"
6. Carolyn Pigeon—"The Broken Doll"
7. Virginia Mason—"The Sparrow's Fall"
8. David Tucker—"The Big Nose"
9. Lanny Walker—"Boy in the Bleachers"
10. Shirley Reed—"Mary Ellen's Star"
11. Stephen Ackley—"Willie's Dress Suit"
12. William Allgaier—"I Am An American"
13. Fay Lee Waterman—"Scratch, the Newsboy's Dog"
14. Linda Warriner—"Sister in Law."

Awarding of Prizes:

Mr. Harry Watkins, Donor—Introduced by Mr. Louis L. Ramsay, Supt. of Schools.

Judges:

Miss Shirley Colby, Maynard School, Manchester
Miss Leah Gray, Rundlett Junior High School, Concord
Miss Carolyn Wynott, Millville School, Concord

The Winners and Prizes were:

1. Lanny Walker—\$30.00
2. Fay Lee Waterman—\$20.00
3. Carolyn Pigeon—\$10.00
4. Annie Watkins—\$5.00
5. Linda Warriner—\$1.00

Annie Watkins, grade 8, won the District Prize Speaking Contest at Bedford and received a cup.

The High School Prize Speaking Contest took place in December, the winners of the prizes were:

- 1st Jacqueline Frost
- 2nd Natalie Brown
- 3rd Norma Hall

III REPORT OF THE GRADUATES OF 1955.

Jane Bastille—Nashua Business College
Doris Bishop—Married
Roderick Cyr—Armed Service
Lawrence Decato—Beebe Rubber Co.
Richard Dunham—Armed Service
William Footer—Reeds Ferry Lumber Corp.
David Greenleaf—Sprague Electric Co.
Charles Hall—N. H. Technical Institute
Terence Hedges—Armed Service
William Hoyt—University of N. H.
Sally Jameson—At home
Albert Jebb—Merrimack Leather Co.
Maurice Martel—Armed Service
Joyce Nesmith—Married
Clinton Norton—Hume Pipe of New England, Inc.
Patricia Putnam—University of N. H.
Robert Raymond—Carpenter
Bruce Tucker—Haseltine Bros. Inc.
William Vickery—Merrimack Leather Co.
David Williams—Merrimack Leather Co.
Barbara Worster—Worster Furniture Co.
Shirley Wood—Doehla Greeting Cards Inc.

IV AWARDS AND HONORS

American Agriculturist Award—Barbara Worster
Betty Crocker Home Maker of Tomorrow—Jane Bastille
Babe Ruth Good Sportsmanship Award—Patricia Putnam,
Charles Hall
D.A.R. Good Citizen—Doris Bishop
Reeds Ferry Women's Club Scholarship—Jane Bastille
Rensselaer Award—Terence Hedges
Readers Digest Award—Terence Hedges
Balfour Award—Terence Hedges
Valedictorian—Terence Hedges
Salutatorian—William Hoyt

In conclusion, I wish to thank everyone who has helped us during this past year. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
EDMOND J. HOULE

Principal

ENROLLMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1956

School	Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
South Merrimack		7	8	13									
Thornton's Ferry		23	24										
Merrimack Grammar		30	37										
Reeds Ferry				38	40								
Merrimack High Annex				21	16	42	56						
Merrimack High								45	45	32	24	23	17
TOTALS		60	69	72	56	42	56	45	45	32	24	23	17

Total School Rooms	20	Elementary	11	Secondary	9
Total Pupils	541	Elementary	355	Secondary	186

ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENT—September 1956

School	Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
South Merrimack		10	9	7									
Thornton's Ferry			26										
			23										
Merrimack Grammar		35											
		35											
Reeds Ferry				31									
				32									
Merrimack High Annex					32	29							
					32	29							
High School 1st Floor							28	27					
							27	28					
High School 2nd Floor									22	22	31	25	23
plus addition									23	23			
TOTALS		80	58	70	64	58	55	55	45	45	31	25	23

Total School Rooms	24	Elementary	13	Secondary	11
Total Pupils	609	Elementary	385	Secondary	224

MERRIMACK TEACHERS 1955 - 1956

South Merrimack—Josephine Dorson, Grades 1, 2, & 3.

Thornton's Ferry—Kathleen M. Ivett, Grade 1; Alice M. Fissette, Grade 2.

Merrimack Grammar—Mary Tirrell, Grade 1; Ruth Hamblett, Grade 2.

McGaw Grammar—Madeline Bennett, Grade 3; Flora Charter, Grade 4.

High School Annex—Evelyn M. Shorey, Grades 3-4; Ruth Boles, Grade 5; Charlotte Mellen, Grades 5-6; Vera L. Favor, Grade 6.

High School—Edmond J. Houle, Principal; H. Dana Taylor, Assistant Principal; Marcelle T. Montminy, Alice M. Dickinson, Marie A. Hevey, Chester J. Steckevicz, Marguerite M. Hurley, Cecilia B. Battersby and Irene Tsonas.

HEALTH REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board of Merrimack:

Number Pupils examined 384.

	Number of defects	Number corrected
Vision	5	5
Hearing	4	Lip reading classes
Speech	5	Speech correction classes
Teeth	210	83
Tonsils	7	6
Chicken Pox	12	
Measles	218	
Mumps	6	
Scarlet Fever	12	

Polio Vaccine (Salk) given 108 pupils, May 26, 1955

Registration Day May 20, 30 pupils registered.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. CRONIN, R. N.
School Nurse

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

In October the fourth grade students purchased symphonets, which they presented at the Christmas concert in the Town Hall for the P.T.A. The program was as follows:

Boy Sopranos

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Away in the Manger—David Leclair, soloist

Symphonnet Band

Jingle Bells

Three Blind Mice

Joy to the World

High School Glee Club

O Holy Night

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Symphonnet Band

Silent Night

Auld Lang Syne

Boy Sopranos

Silent Night—Wayne D. Zintel, soloist

O Little Town of Bethlehem

High School Glee Club

Gesu Bambino (The Infant Jesus)

White Christmas

Accompanist for Boy Sopranos

Flora Bealand

The money that was donated at this concert has been used for music appreciation records and an album of records demonstrating all instruments which are to be included in the course of study this year. Next year I hope to make available to all interested students, the renting of instruments for three months and group lessons at a very nominal rate, which will all lead to our orchestra of the future.

In January the P. T. A. very generously gave the money for a record player to be used in the elementary grades of the High School Annex. This has proven to be a great asset to our square dance classes which I inject once in a while.

The P. T. A. also gave rhythm instruments to be used in grades one to four. Chimes in three parts came under this heading and have been merged with symphonet groups in the fourth grade, Reeds Ferry and now we have a harmony band which the children just love.

We are all hard at work on our Spring Musicale, which will be presented in May. The Glee Club has been asked to sing at a fashion show to be presented by the Home Economics Class.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. DONNELLY

Music Supervisor



PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The School Board called the Planning and Building Committee for meetings on October 18th, November 15th, December 15th, January 6th and February 1st to consider the building needs.

The final figure for enrollment as of February 1, 1956, was 541 students. With an anticipated first grade of approximately 80 children for September 1956, the need for more classrooms was obvious. Due to the large elementary grades, the High School classes, which are increasing yearly in number too, have been pushed upstairs in the main building. The special need for space appears to be in this area or level for flexibility of a High School Schedule.

As a result of previous study, when the recently built wing was added to the High School, one alternative, namely to add four rooms to the main building was accepted as the immediate need. Since design and arrangements were already determined by the existing plant, the only requisites added were extra upstairs lavatories, extra storage space and janitor service area. Protection of the new baseball field and future additions were considered objectives.

With no question as to the need, with none as to where and what design, and with Mr. Hersey, the accepted architect in view of our past experience, the entire discussion and questioning centered about the financial aspect.

The next question was to see that we remain within our borrowing limit. The borrowing limit for the School District is 3% of the equalized evaluation figure set by the N. H. Tax Commission. The amount of money that will be owed July 1956 is \$97,000, subtracted from the 3% limitation of \$174,180, leaves a balance to be used of \$77,180. The estimate brought into us by Mr. Hersey was \$62,151.96 and is within our borrowing range.

This Planning and Building Committee concur with the School Board in the planned addition of four rooms to the main building of the Merrimack High School.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR M. HASELTINE

Secretary of Committee

MERRIMACK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Outstanding Indebtedness, Showing Annual Maturities of Principal and Interest

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1955

Amount of Original Issue Interest Rate Date of Issue Principal Maturity Date Interest Payable Dates Payable at	ISSUE No. 1 \$75,000.00 2½% September 1, 1948 September 1st March & Sept. 1st Second Nat'l Bank Nashua, N. H.	ISSUE No. 2 \$25,000.00 1¾% November 15, 1950 November 15th May & Nov. 15th Indian Head Nat'l Nashua, N. H.	ISSUE No. 3 \$55,000.00 2¾% July 1, 1953 July 1st Jan. & July 1st Second Nat'l Bank Nashua, N. H.
Fiscal Year Ending			
Maturities	Principal	Interest	Principal
June 30, 1956	\$5,000.00	\$1,062.50	\$5,500.00
June 30, 1957	5,000.00	937.50	5,500.00
June 30, 1958	5,000.00	812.50	5,500.00
June 30, 1959	5,000.00	687.50	5,500.00
June 30, 1960	5,000.00	562.50	5,500.00
June 30, 1961	5,000.00	457.50	5,500.00
June 30, 1962	5,000.00	312.50	5,500.00
June 30, 1963	5,000.00	187.50	5,500.00
June 30, 1964	5,000.00	62.50	5,500.00
	\$45,000.00	\$5,082.50	\$15,000.00
		\$ 788.68	\$49,500.00
			\$6,125.65

"NO SCHOOL" SIGNAL

If school is to be called off for any reason there will be notice read over stations WOTW in Nashua and WFEA in Manchester at 7:30 o'clock in the morning.

Because the required 180 days of school brings the closing of the school year well into the month of June, it is the feeling of the School Board, that it would be unwise to call off school unless it is impossible for the buses to negotiate their routes. We are asking all parents to use their own discretion sending children to school during a bad storm.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board is held at the High School on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. The meeting is open to anyone with complaints or suggestions on the operation of our school system. The only way that the School Board can act on any situation is as a body.

